

**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION NOTES**

June 29, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery called the Special Called Work Session to order at 8:47 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen.

2016 Budget

The purpose of this work session is to discuss the proposed 2016 Budget.

ANIMAL SHELTER

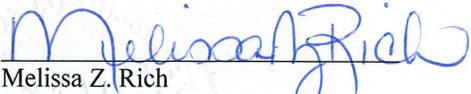
Director of the Animal Shelter, Eddy Harris, began with a PowerPoint presentation illustrating how much the shelter has changed since it first began in 2004. Due to a serious need, he has requested for a part-time position to become full-time. He said that in eleven years the shelter has only had one added full-time position. The increase to their budget each year has been due to improvements being made to the shelter, not the staff or wages. The cages must be cleaned every day to keep down diseases, requiring someone 7 days a week to feed and care for the animals. He said having only one full-time position makes it very difficult to run an efficient office and give the animals the care they need.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard asked for his employees' salaries to be increased by 5% and then asked if there were any questions about his request. Chairman Dockery explained that a salary study for all employees was currently included in the proposed budget. Sheriff Jarrard stated that his is different than any other department, due to the 24-hour shifts. He asked for the salaries to be increased to match surrounding counties. Sheriff Jarrard also requested night shift differential pay and for the criminal investigators pay to be increased since that is considered a promotion. He asked to use the inmate housing revenue to fund an increase in the minor equipment budget. Sheriff Jarrard asked for a Human Resource/Finance person who could work as a liaison for the Sheriff's Department.

ADJOURN

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dockery at 10:25 a.m.


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Deputy Clerk, Lumpkin County

