

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

August 9, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery called the Special Called Work Session to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Chairman Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen were present. Steve Shaw was absent from the meeting.

**2017 Budget**

The purpose of this work session is to discuss the proposed 2017 Budget.

County Manager Stan Kelley began by explaining the impact the salary study results will have on the 2017 budget. Finance Director Allison Martin then discussed the new tax digest figures, and stated that the digest had declined by over \$4 million.

Ms. Martin said the new growth in the digest was outpaced by exemptions and the decline in the motor vehicle digest. The decline in the motor vehicle digest will cause the millage rate rollup/rollback, to no longer equate to the prior year tax. In addition, TAVT is not making revenue 100% whole. Ms. Martin presented the Commissioners with various options on how to balance the budget.

There was discussion on salaries, the loss of inmate labor, and the yearly health insurance increase. This led to a discussion by the Commissioners on whether or not they must do a tax increase, to cover the cost of the budget. The staff will present the Commissioners with additional information, at a Special Called Work Session next week.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dockery at 5:31 p.m.

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Melissa Z. Witcher  
Deputy Clerk, Lumpkin County