

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery began the meeting at 6:03 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. Steve Shaw was absent from the meeting.

INVOCATION

The Branch Church Pastor, Gabe Dodd, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a motion to remove the Request for Easement across County Property – Ross Shirley, to add Service Delivery under “Other Items”, and approve the amended agenda. This motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

Chairman Dockery asked if there were any comments on agenda specific items from the public. There were no comments at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Report

Development Authority Director, Steve Gooch, presented a periodic status update of current and possible future developments in Lumpkin County.

Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

Chamber of Commerce President Amy Booker and Tourism Director David Zunker, presented the Chamber of Commerce quarterly report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 5, 2016 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.

July 18, 2016 Special Called Meeting 3:30 p.m.

July 18, 2016 Special Called Work Session 4 p.m.

July 19, 2016 Work Session II Notes 5 p.m.

July 19, 2016 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Pullen moved to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. That motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Stringer and Pullen. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Department reports be viewed on the Commissioners web page at www.lumpkincounty.gov
Elected Officials – There was no comments at this time.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

2016-043-United Collection Firm of Georgia – Business Associate Agreement

This is a business associate agreement between the County and United Collection Firm, the collection agency used by the County to collect outstanding ambulance bills, which will give them access to County data to further their collection efforts.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve the business associate agreement which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. The motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

~~2016-044-GDOT 5311 Renewal Contract SFY 2017~~

~~This agreement is to provide transportation to rural areas via the Lumpkin County Transit.~~

2016-045-Fire Truck RFP with Pricing

This is to approve the purchase of two new Fire apparatus from Deep South Fire Trucks to be funded from SPLOST and CIP.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the purchase agreement. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by all district commissioners present. The motion carried.*

2016-046-LMIG Off-System Safety Program

This is to prepare and submit an application for DOT Off System Safety Improvements funded through the LMIG Program.

***Motion:** Chairman Dockery moved to approve the program agreement which was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Stringer, and Pullen and the motion carried.*

2016-047-Extend LCWSA GMRC Grant Period by 3 Months

This is a three month extension of the CDBG Water Improvement Project grant agreement with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve the three-month extension of the program agreement. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and the motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

X-Ray Inspection System

This is to discuss the out-of-service Lumpkin County Justice Center X-Ray Inspection System, which therefore requires hands-on physical inspection of each individual's items.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the replacement of the system and to fund from the CIP. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and was approved by all district commissioners present. The motion carried.*

Temporary Other Special Duties As Assigned – Audit Committee and GASB 77 Tax Abatement

This is to discuss the transparency and disclosures of tax abatements – non-financial statement disclosures.

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen moved to approve assigning the Audit Committee to be called upon to take an active role in this process. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Stringer, and Pullen. Motion carried.*

Request to Begin Road Abandonment – Shadowstone Subdivision

This is to discuss beginning the abandonment of roads in Shadowstone Subdivision.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Stringer to approve beginning the road abandonment process which was seconded by Doug Sherrill. All district commissioners present approved and the motion carried.*

~~Request for Easement across County Property – Ross Shirley~~

~~This is a request for an easement across county property.~~

C.I.P. Tentative Allocation – LC Wimpy’s Airport

This is to discuss proposed airport projects to be submitted to GDOT for funding.

***Motion:** Commissioner Pullen made a motion to approve sending a letter confirming the County’s intent to continue with this project. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Doug Sherrill, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

Establish Policy on Staffing Fire Stations

This is to review and establish a policy on staffing Lumpkin County fire stations.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve staff recommended Option 1 [place a fourth ALS Ambulance in Service] to be tied directly contingent to receipt of the SAFER Grant. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer.*

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill amended his motion to approve staff recommended Option 1, to be tied directly contingent to receipt of the SAFER Grant and to include an extra \$15,000 in next year’s budget to cover the cost. That motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

Service Delivery

This is to discuss retaining a consultant for professional services negotiations.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve retaining a consultant for professional services negotiations. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer.*

***Motion:** After discussion, Commissioner Sherrill withdrew his motion.*

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no comments at this time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen John Goebel gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Fire stations and lack of fire coverage in the county.

ADJOURN

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.*

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County