

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

August 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dockery began the meeting at 6:02 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen.

INVOCATION

Bethlehem Baptist Church Associate Pastor, Quentin Self, gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Pullen made a motion to amend and approve the amended agenda to include the addition of Community Visioning (Joint) Committee listed below Other Items. This motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Specific)

Chairman Dockery asked the public if there were any comments on agenda specific items but there were none at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

Watershed Committee Report

Commissioner Sherrill presented a report on the plan of the Watershed Committee.

Lumpkin County FY 2014 Audit (Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins)

Finance Director Allison Martin introduced Tim Lyons, a representative of Mauldin & Jenkins. Mr. Lyons presented the audit and addressed the Commissioners' questions.

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a motion to accept the 2014 Audit. That motion was seconded by Bob Pullen and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

Extension Office Update for 2014 – 2015

Chesley Davis presented a 2014-2015 status report for the Lumpkin County Extension Office.

PROCLAMATIONS

Community Helping Place – Official 2015 Old Fashioned Christmas Ornament

The Community Helping Place continues its series of Christmas collectible ornaments that celebrate and commemorate the uniqueness of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and will make those ornaments available to all citizens, friends, and supporters in an effort to raise funds for the Community Helping Place programs.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the proclamation which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer and Pullen approved and the motion carried.

University of North GA Nighthawks Softball Team

This is a joint proclamation to recognize the University of North Georgia Nighthawks Softball Team and their Coach Mike Davenport, for their dedication and commitment leading them to become the University of North Georgia's first ever NCAA Division II Softball National Champions.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill made a motion to approve the proclamation. That motion was seconded by Steve Shaw and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 29 – July 10, 2015 BOC/Budget Committee Meetings

July 7, 2015 Work Session Notes 4 p.m.

July 21, 2015 Special Called Meeting 4 p.m.

July 21, 2015 Regular Meeting 6 p.m.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve all the above minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer and Bob Pullen. Motion carried.*

RESOLUTIONS

2015-40 Appoint/Reappoint Members Lumpkin County Planning Commission

This resolution provides for appointments to Seat 1 and to Seat 2 with terms expiring August 27, 2018.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 1 and 2, therefore this item did not go forward.

2015-41 Sign Moratorium

This resolution is to adopt a moratorium on approval of additional signs pending a review of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the matter of Reed et al. V. Town of Gilbert, Arizona, et al. June 18, 2015.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer moved to approve Resolution 2015-41 which was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was then approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen and the motion carried.*

2015-42 Adopt 2016 Budget

This resolution adopts the 2016 Budget.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve Resolution 2015-42. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

2015-43 Adopt 2015 Millage Rate

This resolution establishes and adopts the 2015 Millage Rate. Chairman Dockery read the Resolution aloud.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-43. Bob Pullen seconded the motion which was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-44 Appoint Member AVITA Board

This resolution provides for an appointment to Seat 1 with a term expiring June 30, 2018.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 1.

2015-45 Appoint DFACS Board

This resolution provides for an appointment to Seat 4 with a term expiring June 30, 2017.

No nominating motion was made concerning Seat 4.

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

2015-053-ACCG Safety Discount FY 2016

This is to obtain up to a 5% discount on the ACCG-IRMA property and liability insurance premium.

Term: July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016 policy premium

Amount: Up to 5% discount

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the Safety Verification Discount Form. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-054 The Legacy Link FY 2016 Contract Addendum #1

This is for approval of Addendum #1 to the FY 2016 Legacy Link, Inc. agreement.

2015-055-GDOT 5311 FY 2016

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

Term: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Amount: \$70,928.00 GDOT portion

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***Motion:** Commissioner Stringer made a motion to approve the FY 2016 GDOT Transit Program 5311 Operating Contracts. The motion was seconded by Doug Sherrill. Motion was approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-056-GDOT Memorandum of Understanding – Entrance corridor Beautification Project

This signage agreement is part of the GDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program grant, awarded for the purpose of providing funding assistance to the County for its entrance corridor beautification project.

***Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Pullen to approve the signage agreement. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer, then seconded by all district commissioners. The motion carried.*

2015-057-GDOT Speed Zone Ordinance

This is an agreement to add the Lumpkin County Elementary and Middle School on SR 60 Business to the speed zone ordinance.

***Motion:** Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the speed zone ordinance which was seconded by Rhett Stringer. That motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.*

2015-058-Appalachian Regional Commissioner Grant Opportunity – Proposed Intersection Improvements

Highway 60 – Calhoun Mine Road

This is to prepare and submit for ARC grant funding assistance for the proposed intersection improvements at Highway 60 and Calhoun Mine Road.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the grant application and solicit participation from the property owners for matching funds. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer. Motion was then approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. The motion carried.

2015-059- Ninth District Opportunity – Head Start Building Annual Lease

This is a renewal of the current arrangement with Ninth District Opportunity for in-kind use of the Lumpkin County Head Start Building.

Motion: Chairman Dockery made a motion to approve the annual lease agreement which was seconded by Bob Pullen. The motion was then approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

2015-060-Intergovernmental Agreement City of Dahlonega & Lumpkin County Relating to 2015 Municipal Election for City of Dahlonega

This is an agreement to allow the Board of Elections & Registration who has been asked by the City of Dahlonega to conduct their 2015 Municipal General Election.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the agreement with the City of Dahlonega. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

Secure Rural Schools Act – Title III Money Certification

This is to certify that to date the County has received \$112,420.68 in Title III funds, and has expended those funds by September 30, 2015 on the following activities:

1. Firewise Education Classes & Advertisements
2. Firewise Materials
3. Firewise Trailer, Tents, Computer, Projector
4. Firewise Display Boards
5. Search and Rescue on National Forest Land (reimbursement)
6. Neighborhood Cleanup Days
7. County-wide Fire Survey (GA Forestry Assisted)

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sherrill to approve the money certification. The motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by Doug Sherrill, Steve Shaw, Rhett Stringer, and Bob Pullen. Motion carried.

Funding for 2015 Health Insurance Premium Increase – Employee Portion

This is to approve the funding of the employee portion of the increase in the 2015 Health Insurance premium.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the funding of the increased employee portion. The motion was seconded by Chris Dockery.

Motion: Commissioner Sherrill then amended the motion to fund the increased health insurance employee portion from the Sheriff's inmate housing revenue. The motion was seconded by Chris Dockery. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

Community Visioning (Joint) Committee

This is to approve funding for the Joint Community Visioning Plan.

Motion: Chairman Dockery moved to approve the additional funding needed for the Visioning Plan for a total of \$13,750.00. The motion was seconded by Bob Pullen. Motion was approved by Commissioners Sherrill, Shaw, Stringer, and Pullen. The motion carried.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no comments at this time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

COMMISSIONERS

- o Commissioner Sherrill spoke on the Watershed Committee and developments in the County.

- o Commissioner Pullen informed everyone that the County is looking for pictures, of past County Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pamela Bellamy spoke concerning the commemorative event planned on September 11 at Lumpkin County Park and recreation and about a painting by Mike Miller, which she displayed. She said that the painting will be auctioned to benefit First Responders. Her hope, she said, is that perhaps UNG will purchase the painting and the proceeds could go towards a ladder truck. In addition to the original painting Ms. Bellamy said prints in two sizes will be available for purchase from the Blue Gallery.

Citizen Al Barr then spoke about the Frogtown Fire Station and an article in the Dahlonega Nugget. He stated his concerns regarding the station and that it needs to be completed.

ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Shaw to adjourn the meeting. That motion was seconded by Rhett Stringer and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Date

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County