

**LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTES**

September 15, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dockery called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building. Present were Chris Dockery, Doug Sherrill and Bob Pullen. Absent from the meeting were Steve Shaw and Rhett Stringer.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners tentative adoption of a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes over the rollback rate by 14.33 percent in Unincorporated Lumpkin County, 13.22 percent in Incorporated Lumpkin County.

Chairman Dockery read aloud the purpose of the public hearing and the following paragraph:

All concerned citizens are invited to the three public hearings on this tax increase. The public hearings will be held September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., September 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and September 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Lumpkin County Administration Building, 99 Courthouse Hill, Dahlonega, Georgia.

Chairman Dockery then opened the floor for questions and comments from the public.

Nicole Muniz expressed her concerns with her increased home insurance, due to fire protection and the high cost of her property taxes. She asked about the increase in the Park and Rec budget and discussed the Library's hours of operation.

Roger Roy asked about the Wimpy Airport budget and questioned if the airport was worth keeping. He asked if there was a way for the University to assist and pay in lieu of taxes.

John Goebel questioned the Emergency Services budget for next year, and commented on the lack of staffing at the Fire Stations.

Connie Thompson expressed her support for the Sheriff's Department.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further comments the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dockery at 9:36 a.m.

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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

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Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County