



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

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## Finance Department

<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2016
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Resolution allowing the County to join NPPGov
<b>Item Description:</b>	Approval to join National Purchasing Partners
<b>Facts &amp; Historical Information:</b>	<p>The County has an opportunity to join NPPGov which is a national purchasing co-op that uses a lead public agency to competitively bid out products and services. The Official Code of Georgia, annotated, Title 36 allows for Counties to join co-ops of public entities in other states. There is no cost to join, and no requirement to purchase anything through the co-op, but there is a requirement for the governing authority to approve, by resolution, the granting of approval to enter the co-op. This co-op will benefit Emergency Services as the co-op has a division dedicated to fire/rescue products.</p>
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	Use of a purchasing co-op will allow the County to save money on certain purchases.
<b>Operational Impact:</b>	None
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Staff recommendation is to approve the resolution so the County can become a member and take advantage of already bid and approved contracts.

**LUMPKIN COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 2016-23**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE LUMPKIN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

**Whereas**, Georgia Code Annotated 36-69A-3 and Georgia Code Annotated 36-69A-4 provide for and authorize political subdivisions of the State of Georgia to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements; and

**Whereas**, the National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) utilizes a lead public agency to bid and contract for services and has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services to other eligible entities in other States; and

**Whereas**, the governing body of Lumpkin County, State of Georgia, feels that becoming a member of this co-op would be advantageous to the operations of the County and performance of goods and services;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of Lumpkin County; and,

**Be it further resolved** that pursuant to the provisions of Georgia Code Annotated 36-69A-4, the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with NPPGov; and,

**Be it further resolved** that the Purchasing Agent shall be responsible to complying with the provisions of State and County purchasing policies, procedures, ordinances and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of Georgia

**Resolved, adopted and effective** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County



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State of Georgia Statutes

Georgia Code

Title 36 Local Government

Provisions Applicable to Counties and Municipal Corporations

Chapter 69A Interlocal Cooperation

GA. CODE ANN. § 36-69A-3. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) "Public agency" means:

(A) Any political subdivision of this state other than a county school district or independent school district;

(B) Any volunteer fire department;

(C) Any volunteer rescue squad;

(D) Any agency of the state government or of the United States; and

(E) Any political subdivision of another state.

(2) "State" means a state of the United States.

GA. CODE ANN. § 36-69A-4. Joint exercise of powers, privileges, or authority; agreements with public agencies of other states; required information and provisions; limitations on contracts.

(a) Any power or powers, privileges, or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of any other state or of the United States to the extent that laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. The authority for joint or cooperative action of political subdivisions shall apply to powers, privileges, or authority vested in, funded by, or under the control of their governing bodies.

(b) Any public agency in this state may enter into agreements with a public agency in another state for joint or cooperative action pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. Appropriate action of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies by resolution or otherwise pursuant to law shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force. Any such agreement shall be subject to the requirements provided

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*Does require Board Resolution*

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