

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010, at 3:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate and County Manager Don Adams. Vice-Chair Randy Miller and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans were absent.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened with a prayer.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that the following changes to the agenda needs to be made; Items E & F needs to be removed and closed session under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (2)—legal needs to be added.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this February 15, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA
Monday, February 15, 2010
3:30 PM

- 3:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for February 15, 2010, meeting
Motion on Minutes for February 1, 2010, meeting
Motion on January Tax Releases and Refunds
- 3:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Joy Hines
RE: Audit Contract
Finance Office Annual Report
- E. Senior Services Annual Report (deleted)
F. Extension Service Annual Report (deleted)
G. County Business
1. Fuel Oil Bids
 2. Wood Waste Bids
 3. Rural Center Building Re-Use Application
 4. Other Business
 5. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (2)—legal (added)
 6. Adjourn

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 1, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the real and auto releases for January. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the real and auto refunds for January. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Joy Hines, Finance Officer, came before the Board to present the audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates for \$38,225, and she recommends approval.

Chair Ken Richardson and Joy Hines talked about the working relationship with the auditors, and this is a one-year contract.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the audit contract. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson and Joy Hines discussed a letter of recommendation from Boyce, Furr and Company regarding their recommendation for Martin Starnes & Associates.

Joy Hines presented the annual report for the Finance Office including the number of transactions, flu-shot clinic information, NACO prescription drug program, changes that have occurred in the office including having two interns during the summer.

Chair Ken Richardson and Joy Hines talked about how the interns were through High Country and North Carolina JOBS.

Joy Hines talked about the upcoming insurance meetings in June where employees can change their insurance. She talked about the budget worksheets have been provided to the departments with a due date of April 14, the earnings on investments and the number of people on medical insurance.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Joy Hines for her work.

County Manager Don Adams presented fuel oil bids where two bids were received; Hometown Oil and G&B Energy. He reviewed each of the bids. He let the Board know that the contract has a statement about there is a \$29 charge per delivery under 100 gallons for the Crisis Fuel Assistance Program. He stated he is recommending the Board approve the contract with Hometown Oil & LP Gas because their price is lower.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the fuel oil contract with Hometown Oil & LP Gas. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented wood waste grinding bids where the County received two bids; CANA Contracting for \$14,500 with a start date of March 1 and WRICO for \$14,500 with a start date of April 14. He explained that CANA Contracting is who performed the services last year and Larry Davis was pleased with their work so he is recommending the Board award the bid to CANA Contracting.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to award the bid to CANA Contracting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he does not have the details to bring before the Board about a Rural Center Building Re-Use Application for the bowling alley to be reopened. He explained how this grant will be used at the bowling alley. He talked about the rules for the Rural Center being \$12,000 per job created, building has to be vacant for three months, there is no local match required and money cannot be used for new construction. He reviewed that this project could create 6-9 jobs. He said he is looking for general direction from the Board to proceed with this project. He explained how this grant would work by using a deed of trust on the property.

The Board agreed to proceed.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated his appreciation for the people keeping the roads open during the recent weather.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to go into closed session at 3:58pm under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (2)—legal. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to adjourn closed session at approximately 4:13pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson stated no decisions were made during closed session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to

adjourn at approximately 4:15pm. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman