The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 10:00am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chairman Larry Cox, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner John Goudreau, Commissioner Karen Leys, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Cox called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the agenda for this February 18, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, February 18, 2013
10:00 AM

10:00 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer
Motion on Agenda for February 18, 2013, Meeting
Motion on Minutes for October 29, 2012, special meeting; October 29, 2012, joint meeting;
January 7, 2013, regular meeting; January 22, 2013, regular meeting; January 29, 2012,
planning session; February 4, 2013, regular meeting

10:05 A. Public Comments—30 minutes


D. Appalachian District Health Department Annual Report – Beth Lovette, Director
E. Partnership for Children Annual Report – Kim Shaw, Director
F. Rescue Squad Annual Report – Carroll Royal, Captain

G. General Business
1. Joint Meeting Date with Board of Education. Action Requested – Finalize joint meeting date with Board of Education.
2. Wood Waste Bids – Contract to grind wood waste at the Transfer Facility. Bids received on Friday February 15, 2013 at noon will be presented to the Board during the meeting. Action Requested – Vote on awarding bid.
3. Northwestern Regional Housing Authority - Commissioner Goudreau was previously selected to serve on this Authority. Leo Tompkins’ term does not expire until December 2014. Action Requested – Vote to undo Commissioner Goudreau’s appointment.
4. Legislative Goals Resolution – Resolution supporting the legislative goals as adopted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Action Requested – Vote on the resolution.
5. Planning Session – Continued discussions among the Board.

H. Commissioner Business
1. Revised Resolution Regarding 2nd and 10th Amendment Rights—Commissioner Goudreau. Action Requested – Vote on resolution.

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 29, 2012, special meeting; October 29, 2012, joint meeting; January 7, 2013, regular meeting; January 22, 2013, regular meeting; January 29, 2012, planning session; February 4, 2013, regular meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Cox opened the public comments’ portion of the meeting and asked for public comments.

Dennis Smith talked about the Dr. J Vernon McGee’s Thru the Bible program. He shared some of Dr. McGee’s work as it relates to three biblical scriptures. He talked about how the 2nd amendment is under attack and explained actions across the United States. He further talked about actions at the last
meeting where the 2nd Amendment resolution did not get a second. He explained that showed the Board doesn’t support the Constitution. He talked about each Commissioner who did not support the resolution. He said that if there was a problem with the wording but the Commissioners support the 2nd Amendment, the Commissioners should have said so. He talked about not taking action is taking action. He explained events in the past that the Board has done which doesn’t support the Constitution. He asked what is there that the Commissioners find so distasteful that they don’t support it. He read a prayer offered by a North Carolina County Commissioner offered before a County Commissioners’ meeting.

Kingsley Booth talked about our founding fathers’ concern about guns was more about protecting people against a tyrannical government which is the main reason for it being in the Bill of Rights. He quoted Jefferson about bearing arms. He discussed the number of people killed by their own government in the last two centuries. He talked about how in the past governments have followed the paths of gun registration then confiscation then murder. He talked about a recent CIA hearing confirmation and asked who decides which Americans deserve to die. He further talked about shootings across the country are done by mentally ill people. He asked why the government doesn’t take care of the mentally ill people, murders and gang members but instead they are coming after law abiding citizens. He asked will the Board support the people of Alleghany County or will the Board support a tyrannical government.

Eula Ray Cook presented information about gun control including a recent survey and its results. She talked about the Dick Act of 1902 that forbids gun control. She explained how the Act cannot be appealed. She further explained the Act has been modified regarding the National Guard but not gun control. She talked about people must stand up for what is right. She said that gun control only affects the law-abiding citizens. She asked why the Board doesn’t support Commissioner Goudreau’s resolution. She talked about actions across the World in several different countries about gathering up people and exterminating them with how it relates to gun control. She further talked about Switzerland gives a gun to every citizen and trains them how to use it and they have the lowest crime rate. She said that she supports the 2nd Amendment and urges the Board to support it. She explained why she is interested in this topic. She said that it is not a gun problem; it is a people problem. She further said that she hopes the Board will make the right decision.

Gene Jones talked about the comments before him and his comments about gun control. He said that the comments at the last meeting about not taking people’s guns, which is what the government has said for years. He used an example of a farmer using a plow thinking about the end of the field. He explained that the individual rights are being taken away. He talked about confusion about the Constitution. He read portions about our founding fathers establishing the Constitution. He read part of the 2nd Amendment, the Right to Bear Arms and explained definitions of the wording. He quoted Jefferson about the importance of fire arms. He quoted Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Noah Webster about the importance of guns. He said he wants the Board to think about those things. He stated if the Board does not support and reconfirm their oaths, then many people will doubt your honesty in the taking of the oath and your disregard of the Constitution. He closed with a quote from Thomas Jefferson.

Kay Bodeen said she is not asking for the confiscation of guns. She further said that Mr. Goudreau is not speaking for her or many of her friends when he said they all know how the people of Alleghany County feel. She talked about background checks for purchasing guns is no more intrusive than a database of vehicles and drivers license. She asked can anyone imagine a country where no cars are registered, and no one is required to have a driver’s license. She said in the wrong hands, a car is a weapon. She described the process of getting a driver’s license in the beginning. She said there was no amendment about drivers rights being infringed but there were no cars in 1791 nor was there 100 rounds magazines suitable for mass killings either. She asked how can someone say the founding fathers supported “a God given right to use military style weapons without certain restrictions”. She talked about times and circumstances have changed and asked how people can not tolerate some flexibility to deal with those changes.

Frank Hazard talked about the silent majority of the people in the County that don’t come to the Commissioners’ meetings. He said he just wanted to remind the Board that they are out there and support the Board. He further said that the squeaky wheel is all the Board is hearing. He addressed comments that have been made from the podium regarding setting goals is allowing communism to enter. He said if we don’t set goals then everything will crumble. He talked about the Board needs to set goals. He reviewed the times he has taken oaths and their importance. He said he is tired of the Constitution being used as a political football by one party to make points against the other one. He said the Board does not have to pass a resolution saying it supports the Constitution when it has already done so when they took the oath, which included all of the amendments. He talked about some people
believe the 2nd amendment is under attack, which is their rights, but he doesn’t feel that way, which is his right. He explained that the Senate and the House will debate the gun control issue and if you don’t like it then we can challenge it all the way up to the Supreme Court, which is how it works in the United States. He talked about the sheriff in Utah saying he won’t enforce the law. He said he hopes the Board can get along with the job the people elected them to do and the important work of the county. He thanked the Board for their time and service.

Charles Rudy talked about a letter that he has sent to each Commissioner. He read a shorter version of the letter regarding the resolution and his objections to the wording in the resolution including he doesn’t think a county resolution is appropriate and he urges the Board to let the issue die.

Chair Cox asked for additional public comments. None were received. He closed the public comments’ portion of the meeting.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, presented the January auto releases and refunds.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the January auto releases and refunds. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the January real property releases and refunds.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the January real property releases and refunds. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the January 2012 collections’ report.

Rita Miller presented the enforced collection report for January.

Commissioner Smith and Rita Miller talked about the debt setoff program.

Rita Miller presented the payment agreement report for January.

Commissioner Goudreau asked what is the Tax Administrator’s recommendation for the people that did not make their payments. Rita Miller explained that they typically send them a letter then use other collections methods like bank account attachment or garnishment then it goes to the County Attorney for foreclosure. She stated that all of these have already been sent to debt setoff. They talked about the Tax Office doesn’t have a time period about how long they let it go. He asked whether the Board need to set a policy.

Commissioner Leys and Rita Miller talked about some of these could be 10 years old but some are only a year or two.

County Manager Don Adams and Rita Miller talked about the new rules put into place regarding payment agreements and these taxes are mainly 1-2 years old.

Commissioner Leys and Rita Miller talked about real estate isn’t released after 10 years.

Commissioner Leys asked what the Tax Administrator’s recommendation is. Rita Miller said she can see what other counties have for a collection policy and she is open to setting a year or an amount before sending it to the County Attorney. The Tax Administrator explained that Yancey County has done that.

Commissioner Goudreau stated that the Commissioners can’t allow it to keep going on.

Commissioner Leys said she would be interested in seeing a State-wide trend.

Chair Cox explained that he knows the Tax Office is doing more than before and he thanked her for that. He said there are 32 people on the list and asked is this normal. Rita Miller answered that this list is longer than normal, and she thinks it is because of the holidays. She talked about how much Linda Killon works on this.

Commissioner Smith talked about looking into other ways like the HUD housing, and he agrees about seeing the trend.

Commissioner Davis and Rita Miller talked about the Tax Office can garnish them.
Rita Miller presented two solid waste fee release requests. She explained that she had visited both properties and recommends releasing the solid waste fees on both properties. She said that neither property appeared to be lived in for quite a while.

Chair Cox and Rita Miller talked about there is no electricity, and the taxes are current.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to release the solid waste fee on 244 Sparks Hill. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Cox and Rita Miller talked about there is also no electricity, and the taxes are current on the 2nd property.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to release the solid waste fee on 543 Fraser Road. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller talked about the need to set the Board of E&R dates. She explained the process from previous years and how many appeals she has at this point. She recommended two meeting dates; April 23 and April 25.

County Manager Don Adams talked about providing educational information to the Board, at least the two new Commissioners so they are aware of process. Rita Miller stated that she is currently preparing packets for all of the Commissioners to review regarding the Board of E&R process.

The Board and Rita Miller talked about the dates and times for the meetings. They decided on Thursday, April 18 at 5:30pm.

Joy Hines, Finance Officer, presented the audit contract for 2012/13. She explained that the money will be set aside in next year’s budget. She reviewed the amount of the contract being $39,975. She talked about Martin Starnes & Associates.

County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans talked about the increase of 2% or $750 over the last contract.

Commissioner Leys asked what the policy about going out to bid is. Joy Hines said there isn’t a policy, and this is the second or third auditors since she has been here.

Commissioner Goudreau talked about this is a service contract, and the County doesn’t have to go out to bid. County Manager Don Adams said that is correct but the Board can set an internal policy.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to continue with Martin Starnes. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams asked the Finance Officer to let the Board know where we are about our banking request for proposals (RFP). He reminded the Board that Joy Hines put together a RFP and met with the banks, had several banks interested but only two submitted all of the requested information. Joy Hines talked about looking at a couple proposals. He talked about having information in the next few meetings for the Board. She explained she wants to meet with the banks again.

Commissioner Leys asked does it have to come back before the Board. County Manager Don Adams explained yes because this is a large project. Commissioner Leys asked how often this occurs. The County Manager explained that the County has been with First Union/First Charter/Fifth Third. Joy Hines said she is going to talk to the banks about the switch over time. County Manager Don Adams explained that the County used to bank for free but now are starting to get charges. Joy Hines talked about the fees are being charged to everyone.

Beth Lovette, Director of Appalachian District Health Department, thanked the Board for the appointment of Karen Leys to serve as the Commissioner representative on their board. She presented their annual report including about the Alleghany County Health Department. She talked about the community health aspect that they are continuing to work on. She further talked about their Golden Leaf and Kate B. Reynolds grants that they have received. She explained an environmental health program improvement committee in Ashe County including the recommendations and strategies that will be in each county. She reviewed the monthly report that each Commissioner and County Manager will receive. She reviewed the net change in their fund balance, which shows a loss last year but wasn’t as much as previous years. She said that they would like to have 6-months of operating costs in reserve.
and explained why. She talked about they are continuing to work on efficiencies in the health
department and provided examples of things that are looking to do.

Commissioner Smith asked about the fund balance that has changed significantly and that is
something that is being worked on. Beth Lovette talked about the fund balance and the amount used
last year was only $26,798, and they will have to watch the health care reform to see how that impacts
them.

County Manager Don Adams talked about receiving grants is why the fund balance deficit
reduced from the prior year. Beth Lovette stated that is correct. He talked about environmental health
and primary care are the two issues. He further talked about the unknown is indigent care. They talked
about environmental care is a State mandate. He said the Health Department isn’t where it was initially
thought they would be but it still has to be watched.

Commissioner Smith and Beth Lovette talked about the Community Alternatives Program for
disabled adults for Medicaid recipients. She talked about it is a wonderful program but it is hard to break
even. She said they are currently recruiting a social worker for that program. She explained that the
Health Department doesn’t have money for newspaper ads but does have a good referral program.

Commissioner Leys talked about how fortunate we are to have Beth Lovette and that is one
reason for the reduction in the fund balance deficits. She said thank you to Beth Lovette.

Chair Cox agreed. He asked about how Dr. Stacy, who has had a dental practice in Alleghany
County before.

Beth Lovette talked about Dr. Stacy does children dentistry in all three counties. She further
talked about he is here on Wednesday to see patients regardless of their ability to pay.

The Board took a brief recess at 11:25am.

Kim Shaw, Director of Alleghany Partnership for Children, presented their annual report. She
talked about DANA and Family Resource Center are part of the Partnership for Children. She reviewed
their revenues/expenditures for 2011/12. She explained the State administrated contracts. She
reviewed programs and letters of support included in their annual report.

Chair Cox asked what would happen if they were not there for the people. Kim Shaw talked
about there would be a lot of people hurting. She talked about DANA and services that they provide
through the Family Resource Center and if they didn’t provide those services then Social Services would
have to, parenting programs where the parents would not get their children back. She stated that they
are the voice for the people who won’t/can’t speak for themselves.

Commissioner Leys and Kim Shaw talked about the number of calls for the DANA crisis line.
Commissioner Leys thanked them for their services.

Carroll Royal, Captain of the Rescue Squad, presented their annual report. He reviewed
statistics including the number of members, members’ level of certification, types and purpose of each
piece of major equipment, number/types of calls, number of hours/types of trainings, types of additional
certifications received, qualifications to meet the requirements, fundraisers.

Commissioner Leys and Carroll Royal talked about the Whitehead fundraiser is Good Friday.

Commissioner Smith and Carroll Royal talked about the junior rescue squad program.

Commissioner Goudreau and Commissioner Davis stated their appreciation for the Rescue
Squad.

County Manager Don Adams informed the Board that he and Carroll Royal are in conversations
about updating the contract between Alleghany County and the Rescue Squad. He said to look in the
next month or so for the updated contract.

County Manager Don Adams let the Board know that the joint meeting with the Board of
Education will be on Wednesday, February 27 at 4:30pm. He explained that the Board of Education is
proposing to convene at the High School’s main entrance. He said if everyone is comfortable with that,
the Clerk will advertise for the meeting.
County Manager Don Adams talked about received bids for wood waste grinding; CANA Contracting out of Advance $33,500 $900/hour, APH Contracting out of Charlotte $33,000 $550/hour. He said that this is pretty high because normally it is $16,000-$17,000. He explained that the County is getting more materials to grind. He explained larger quantities are being dumped at the Transfer Facility. He further explained that they have had to turn around tractor trailer size loads and receive trailer loads. He talked about the County is licensed for a small compost facility. He asked if this is going to continue to be a free service, and he is going to ask the State about having to grind it more often to stay within our area as licensed. He explained that the grinding is for decent mulch and is provided for free. He talked about dealing with larger quantities now. He said that there are a couple issues before the Board with the first issue being to award bid to the low bidder, APH Contracting, who can be here before March 5 and the long term issue is the need to look at how to address the additional materials.

Chair Cox and County Manager Don Adams talked about this is for one grind.

Commissioner Davis talked about having more materials when people start cleaning up properties in the spring.

Commissioner Davis and County Manager Don Adams talked about there are more materials than before. The County Manager reiterated the issues the County runs into including there is no more space there.

Commissioner Smith and County Manager Don Adams talked about the price per hour, and the County hasn’t used the per-hour rate in the past. The County Manager explained that it is really a $500 difference, and it really boils down to who can start first. The County Manager further explained that the only drawback on CANA is sometimes they don’t start for 2-3 months.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to award the bid to APH Contracting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Cox talked about former County Commissioner Leo Tompkins has served on the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority for several years and he was ill health the last time they spoke and Commissioner Goudreau was appointed to serve on the Authority. He explained after that the County received information from Ned Fowler that Mr. Tompkins had to resign but now Mr. Tompkins has decided he wants to continue to serve.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to honor his request to continue serving on the Authority. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a resolution in support of the legislative goals adopted at the recent North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) legislative goals conference.

Chair Cox talked about NCACC representing all 100 counties and lobbies the State on behalf of the counties. He reviewed the top five goals. He read the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams stated he enclosed a summary of the planning session with his comments. He asked if he summarized the meeting correctly and asked where does the Board go from here. He read portions of the summary and his comments including the meeting was intentionally set up without structure in order to promote the Commissioners to bring up discussions on any topic and highlights regarding economic development about existing groups and known plans already in place. He talked about the three plans and the 2003 plan that could be updated. He reviewed the process including getting input from the community to update the plan. He explained that he talked to DCA at his manager’s conference, who assisted the Town with their plan, and they said they could provide some organizational leadership on a plan. He said he knows that some projects or concerns were brought up, and he thinks they can be addressed individually.

Chair Cox stated he thought that was the first step and how there will be more conversations. He said these are good, and it is up to the Commissioners on how to proceed. He asked Commissioner Goudreau if he had anything he wanted to add to the first step since he wasn’t at the planning meeting.

Commissioner Goudreau talked about the need to look at economic development in the county and the direction the county is going, planning is a good thing, this is a good first step and having a
group to oversee it is a good idea. He named several boards that are individually interested in their projects. He said that he thinks all of the groups need to be involved in the process including the Town of Sparta. He further said that he has ideas and isn’t shy to speak up. He talked about having a limited government and small in nature, which we have gotten away from. He said he would like to get back to that. He said that it all relates to economic development. He further said he has no problem with a plan and master group.

Commissioner Leys said she doesn’t think the Board is quite ready to begin with the lead group. She talked about the Commissioners to look collectively and bring up things in a month or at the next meeting. She said that this summary is a good start along with conversations with DCA.

County Manager Don Adams talked about having a joint meeting coming up, and the Town will play a role in this. He further talked about having an appointed committee that is associated with the different groups, setting up the process and the need for 4-5 people working on this.

Commissioner Leys asked when the joint meeting is. Clerk to the Board Karen Evans answered April 29 at 7:00 pm.

County Manager Don Adams said he will talk to DCA and get more information.

Commissioner Smith and County Manager Don Adams talked about the BDC and Clark Hunter will commit Clark Hunter’s time to this but this is not something one person can do. The County Manager talked about the need to create a committee whose primary function is to create this document.

Commissioner Goudreau asked why create one new major program. County Manager Don Adams asked Commissioner Goudreau to review the plans and the goals that have been accomplished through these plans. The County Manager said now is the opportunity for this Board to say this is the right direction or it wasn’t and have input on developing the updated plan. County Manager Don Adams said he will pass out the documents for the Board to look at and explained the purpose of the plan.

Chair Cox said he is hearing that this is a process the Board wants to continue.

Chair Cox asked the County Attorney for her opinion on the revised resolution being presented.

County Attorney Donna Shumate said there is nothing illegal about the resolution but she would like to comment on it. She said that it is addressed to the General Assembly, state and local people and it doesn’t address anyone in Congress. She said she is not sure the General Assembly can do what the County is asking. She further said the states do not have the power to preempt federal legislation so it may be more effective if it was addressed to the federal legislators who will be working on this. She asked why not start at the source and ask them to do what you are asking for. She talked about Carol Black’s letter to the editor talking about a quote of our God given right and was questioning where that was in the bible so apparently there are citizens who are concerned about that phrase. She read the section talking about the County Manager not allowing any County-paid staff or County resources to be used in the implementation of any federal law, executive order or directive that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms. She asked what employees have those functions now if the Sheriff’s Department is excluded. She said she doesn’t think it hurts anything but doesn’t think it does anything either. She commented on another section about asking for a Constitutional amendment in regards to legally carrying a weapon, which this Board can do but this is asking to allow concealed-carry people to carry guns anywhere.

Commissioner Goudreau said it looks like you want to dictate what he was supposed to do. He stated he wasn’t allowed to do that. He explained that he followed the rules of procedures by getting this topic on the agenda. He said he will try to explain his original intent.

Chair Cox said that he was just to get to a vote since there wasn’t one at the last meeting.

Commissioner Goudreau stated that one reason to have it on the agenda was so it would have time for the Board to review it. He addressed some of the concerns; automobiles not being regulated and having things now like drivers education, extreme background checks, read the 6th amendment. He said maybe Alleghany County shouldn’t be deciding this but asked why not since it’s an important issue and is an individual right. He talked about everyone has rights and when people feel like their rights are being infringed upon then it is a matter for this Board because this Board has taken an oath. He read a portion the oath of the President. He talked about the language of preserve and the 1st amendment language. He further talked about the need to preserve the Constitution but it is trying to be changed.
He said that everyone can write to the federal legislators and he will be glad to do so. He talked about the founding fathers were God fearing Christian men, and it is evident in the Constitution. He provided examples. He talked about the language when it was ratified. He read portions of the NC Constitution starting with the preamble and section 1. He explained the resolution talks about the rights of the State of North Carolina. He said that anyone who argues against it is going against the oath for this office. He read the portion of the resolution dealing with the County Manager. He explained that other departments that could be affected; emergency management and animal control. He said that he is willing to amend this. He talked about it is important to the vast majority of the people in Alleghany County and hearing from 3 people who aren’t in support of it. He said that not everyone is going to agree. He urged the Commissioners to take charge of your county and that is what he asking for. He said he will be glad to address any questions and asked the County Attorney if he addressed all of her questions.

County Attorney Donna Shumate said no there is one more. She explained that she is only addressing this because of a request from another Commissioner and this is not an attack on Commissioner Goudreau.

Commissioner Goudreau said that he understands that.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about her concern about the section asking for a Constitutional amendment allowing anyone who has a concealed carry permit be allowed to carry guns anywhere that a law enforcement officer may carry a gun.

Commissioner Goudreau said that covers all areas but he is willing to change it. The County Attorney asked why put it in there. Commissioner Goudreau talked about the reasons for including it and included an example of having a concealed carry permit, which requires an extreme background check. He said he will change it if that is what the Board wants. He asked what does the Board wants in it.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adopt this resolution as written.

Chair Cox asked for a second. No one spoke. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Davis said he is a supporter of the 2nd amendment but he didn’t receive the previous resolution until an hour before the meeting because of email problems and he had a couple of disagreements about it, which part of was covered by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Goudreau said this didn’t stand in the way of County business because it was at the end of the agenda. He talked about according to the rules of procedures at any time any Commissioner can put anything on the agenda. He said he will sit here for as long as needed for any item on the agenda.

Chair Cox said that he thinks all of the Commissioners are gun owners and do support the 2nd amendment but not changes to it.

Commissioner Smith said he would like to address Dennis Smith’s comments about being confused. He stated that he still is and gave an example regarding Senator McCain. He explained that he is not comfortable or is prepared to sign anything about something that hasn’t even been decided on and is still being debated.

Commissioner Leys said the main thing she heard from County Attorney Shumate is that federal law trumps state law.

County Attorney Donna Shumate said that states cannot preempt Federal law.

Commissioner Leys said she sees lots of holes in this and doesn’t understand why the Commissioners are using a lot of energy on this instead on things like economic development.

Commissioner Goudreau said he agrees about economic development and will spend as long as others want to on the topic.

Being no further business, Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn at 1:00pm. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Larry Cox
Chairman