

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners reconvened the meeting from March 17, 2014, on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 6:00pm 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, and County Manager Don Adams. County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans were absent.

Chair Cox reconvened the meeting at 6:00pm and explained that the purpose of the recessed meeting is to consider courthouse security.

County Manager Don Adams provided additional information regarding courthouse security including a survey from the Sheriff's Department comparing the number of deputies in Alleghany to similar sized counties and another survey showing the number of deputies per county in the region. He talked about papers showing the annual costs for 1.5 employees and 2 employees. He reviewed the categories' breakdown; personnel, equipment, vehicles. He explained that Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Leys, Sheriff Edwards and he met, and it is his understanding that Sheriff Edwards will pay for the vehicles out of the Drug Fund. He said the conversation is deciding between 1.5 employees versus 2 employees.

Sheriff Edwards said that he doesn't see how he can get part-time people and explained why.

Commissioner Leys and Sheriff Edwards talked about the Drug Fund has purchased all of the vehicles, except 1.5, since he has been Sheriff and purchased matching weapons and other equipment. He talked about the County has only paid the salaries and other necessary expenses.

Chair Cox and Sheriff Edwards talked about the Drug Fund is monies from drug busts.

Commissioner Leys and Sheriff Edwards talked about the vehicle requests are off the table because he will purchase them out of the Drug Fund.

Chair Cox and Sheriff Edwards talked about if 2 deputies are approved they will go on the regular rotation cycle to provide more coverage for the county.

Commissioner Davis and Sheriff Edwards talked about having 2 deputies on duty at night.

Commissioner Leys and Sheriff Edwards talked about the population surveys including the note about having multiple police departments in the larger counties.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve 1.5 deputy positions for this fiscal year.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Chair Cox made a motion to approve 2 full-time deputies and rotate them as the Sheriff indicated. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 4:1 (Karen Leys).

Being no further business, Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Larry Cox
Chairman