

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

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

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Doug Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that the recycling contract needs to be removed from the agenda and closed session for legal and contracts needs to be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this April 6, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, April 6, 2009
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for April 6, 2009, meeting
Motion on Minutes for March 16, 2009, meeting
- 6:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Group Homes Annual Report
C. Red Cross Annual Report
D. Wilkes Center for the Deaf Annual Report
E. County Business
1. Road Guarantee Letter of Credit
 2. Recycling Contract (deleted)
 3. Wood Waste Bids
 4. H&CCBG Lead Agency & Board Appointments
 5. Findings of Fact—Greene Variance
 6. Attorney Fees
 7. DOT Stimulus
 8. E911 Budget Amendments/Safety Fund
 9. Other Business
 10. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)—legal (added)
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5)—contracts (added)
 11. Adjourn

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Darlene Douglas with Alleghany Group Homes presented information regarding the number of their consumers and projected hours. She talked about two consumers transitioning to ADAP soon. She further talked about the number of consumers for each of their programs, the projected hours and waiting lists for their services. She explained the number of employees, payroll and amount they put back into Alleghany County.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about these ladies take their monies as far as they can.

The Board stated their appreciation.

Donna Key with Wilkes Center for the Deaf presented their annual report. She talked about the number of contacts they have received, type of information provided, and services available.

County Manager Don Adams presented information on a road guarantee letter of credit regarding Chris Barrett's subdivision. He explained that Mr. Barrett requested that the BB&T letter of credit be released and replaced with a letter of credit from Grayson National Bank. He further explained that after talking with Donna Shumate, the release was provided and the new letter was received.

County Manager Don Adams presented information regarding the wood waste bids with two bids received; \$14,500 from Wrico Equipment Corporation and \$12,500 from Cana Contracting Co. He explained that Larry Davis has checked references on Cana Contracting.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to award the bid to Cana Contracting Co. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a request from Janis Fender with Council on Aging requesting that they be appointed the lead agency for the Home and Community Care Block Grant this year and replace George Stancil with Jacquelyne Gordon on that advisory board.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve both requests. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the findings of fact regarding the Greene variance.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that these are the findings as she heard at the meeting, and the Board can add anything or delete anything that is necessary.

County Manager Don Adams stated that this can be placed on the next agenda if the Board would like more time to review it before a vote is taken. He read number 9 regarding not expanding the non-confirming use, and Mr. Greene sought a variance because the existing portion of the mobile home part does not meet the setback requirements, and he read number 2 in the second section that says he shall have the right to expand the manufactured mobile home park on the property without bringing the existing portion of the park into compliance with the setback provisions of the development standards. He further talked about the setbacks requirements.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to approve the findings of fact. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #29 in the amount of \$876. He explained that the County received a visit from the IRS, and they informed the County that the County Attorney has to be paid as an employee rather than a contractor.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #29 in the amount of \$876. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented information from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding how they are using the stimulus money and the projects affecting Alleghany County: NC 93 pavement rehab from US 221 to the Virginia State line; intersection of Osborne Road and Highway 18 to add left turn lane and realign Osborne Road. He stated that the Osborne Road project has been on the County's Transportation Improvement Plan.

County Manager Don Adams reminded the Board about the uncertainty of allowable 911 expenses and the way it was budgeted during the budget process. He

presented information regarding budget amendment General Fund #30 in the amount of \$17,410 that moves the non-allowable 911 expenses to the Mapping department.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams discussed the creation of the 911 Board and their ruling about signs is not an allowable expense.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #30 in the amount of \$17,410. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of (\$40,464). He explained the budget amendment is to reduce the non-allowable expenses in the E911 Fund.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve budget amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of (\$40,464). Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #31 in the amount of \$275,500 and the Safety Fund project ordinance. He explained that when the State changed the law regarding the 911 funds they allowed counties to transfer the fund balance as of a certain date to be used for any use. He stated that the Board decided to use the money to purchase a dispatch console and construct a training facility. He explained the differences between the General Fund and Project Fund.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #31 in the amount of \$275,500. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the Safety Fund project ordinance. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams updated the Board about the fire at the EMS building on Friday. He talked about the quick response time from the fire departments, the two EMS crews were out on calls, current estimates, insurance adjuster coming tomorrow with staff present, currently arranging for the adjuster to come look at the vehicles, building is insured at \$325,225, contents insured at \$74,500, each vehicle insured at \$85,000, will have three claims so will be \$3,000 in deductibles at \$1,000 for each claim, insurance carrier will cover above and beyond these amounts for expenses to relocate, 2 to 3 weeks before knowing final answers on the costs, thankful no one got hurt, great response from all of the agencies that were involved, actions that occurred Friday night, OEMS sent an email statewide about the event which prompted one private ambulance service to send a fully stocked ambulance to be used for as long as we need it, EMS personnel is sleeping at the hospital and staging at the rescue squad, hospital helping to restock items, receiving disposable supplies as a donation, maintaining paramedic level of service, current goal is find a location for temporary space for EMS until structure is completed, linen and oxygen will be restocked tomorrow, pharmaceuticals have been ordered, paramedics submitting information online, Linda is staged out of the Administration office and all records are locked in Administration's storage.

Commissioner Doug Murphy Don talked about the County Manager has done a great job, all fire departments pitching in and everyone handled things well.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the excellent actions of the Linda Edwards and the shift supervisors.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that the Board needs to thank anyone who has gone out of their way to help. He talked about a signed letter by the Board.

Commissioner Milly Richardson reiterated Commissioner Doug Murphy's comments. She talked about being very fortunate that it wasn't any worse than what it

was. She further talked about this was a great show of the wonderful people that look after us all over the county. She reiterated that this shows how dedicated our people are.

County Manager Don Adams explained that supplies are being housed at the Law Enforcement Center. He read information off of the fire department's report being that the fire was an electrical fire not caused by human error or high winds.

Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about that information was known within two hours of the fire.

Commissioner Steve Roten asked the County Manager about the traffic situation on Highway 89.

County Manager Don Adams explained that he had talked to Wayne Atkins with the Department of Transportation on Wednesday. He reminded everyone about the rule change regarding trucks on Highway 89. He explained that there should be an additional ruling that should be signed soon. He further explained that he has this topic on the agenda for April 20, 2009, meeting and he hopes to have the signed document to be presented at that time.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that she talked to Virginia Foxx and, and she is helping with this situation.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about the Board of E&R starts tomorrow at 6pm. He explained that he has a conflict with tomorrow night, but has no problem with the meeting on the 21st and 28th. The Board stated that they will be here.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about information received from NCACC about the benefits that Alleghany County received through our association with the NCACC. He reviewed the programs and funding received through their assistance. He explained that this shows the importance of the NCACC to Alleghany County.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to go into closed session at 7:25pm under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel, (a) (3)—legal and (a) (5)—contracts. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to adjourn closed session at 7:52pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Being no further business, Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to recess at 7:53pm until Wednesday at 8:00am. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman