

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Tom Smith, Vice-Chair Karen Leys, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

Boy Scout Troop #299 led the Pledge of Allegiance, stated their Scout law and oath.

Chair Smith offered the Invocation.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda for this May 4, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, May 4, 2015
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for May 4, 2015 Meeting
Motion on Minutes for April 6, 2015, Meeting
- 6:35 A. Teddy Smith Presentation
- 6:40 B. Boy Scout Troop #299
1. Requesting permission to build 4 picnic tables for the Veterans Memorial Park as a community service project. Action Requested – Vote on the request.
 2. Requesting \$500 to purchase the supplies needed to build the picnic tables. Action Requested – Vote on the request.
- 6:50 C. Proposed New Road Name – County Manager Don Adams
1. Present information regarding a proposed new road name; Peaceful Mountain Lane.
 2. Public Hearing – Chairman open public hearing to receive comments regarding the proposed road name. Chairman close public hearing after receiving comments.
 3. Action Requested – Vote on the proposed road name.
- 6:55 D. General Business – County Manager Don Adams
1. Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees Appointment.
Rita Woodruff's term on the Board of Trustees is expiring June 30, 2015. Action Requested – Vote on reappointing Rita Woodruff to serve on the Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees.
 2. Workers Compensation & Property/Liability Insurance Renewals for FY 15/16
Workers Compensation's proposal is \$105,871 as compared to the current year budget of \$100,660. Property/Liability insurance's proposal is \$99,735 as compared to the current year budget of \$106,929.
Overall these renewals are \$1,983 less for FY 2015/16 than the current year. Action Requested – Vote on the Workers Compensation and Property/Liability insurance renewals for 2015/16.
 3. Jail Open Position
Request to fill an open Jailer position, Grade 60, \$23,240.55.
Action Requested – Vote on the request.
 4. Budget Amendment Economic Development Fund #1 in the amount of \$35,000.
To budget for a transfer of allocated monies from the General Fund to the Economic Development Fund in order to save these funds for the future purchase of voting machines as required by State law.

Action Requested – Vote on Budget Amendment Economic Development Fund #1 in the amount of \$35,000.

5. Budget Amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of \$24,593.

To budget for 911 system maintenance and support. These costs are allowable expenses per NC 911 Board.

Action Requested – Vote on Budget Amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of \$24,593.

6. Economic Development Plan Update

7. Farmers Market Grand Opening at new location on May 16 at 9:00am

E. Commissioner Business

1. Bridge Naming Resolution—Commissioner Karen Leys is requesting the Board to approve a resolution requesting that the NC Department of Transportation name the newly constructed Farmers Fish Camp Road bridge “Gambill Family Bridge”. Action Requested – Vote on the resolution.

F. Public Comments—30 minutes

G. Commissioners Comments

H. Adjourn

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Irwin seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Smith presented a plaque to Teddy Smith for his 28 years of law enforcement service to Alleghany County. He read the plaque.

Sheriff Bryan Maines explained that it doesn't happen very often that someone retires from the Alleghany County Sheriff's Department. He stated that it is very hard to accomplish. He thanked Teddy Smith for his service.

Sheriff Bryan Maines invited the Commissioners to attend a ceremony at the Law Enforcement Center on May 7 at 6:00pm with the Honor Guard in remembrance of law enforcement members who have lost their lives.

David Cox with Boy Scout Troop #299 came before the Board to explain their activities including their attendance tonight helps them earn merit badges. He explained they do a lot of community service events throughout the county and provided examples. He said that they are interested in constructing additional picnic tables for the Veterans Memorial Park. He discussed the materials list and the total costs of \$318.65 and asked the Commissioners to fund this request. He said they can start building the tables on May 12.

Commissioner Leys and David Cox talked about where they will construct the picnic tables and then the tables will be moved to Veterans Memorial Park.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$318.65. Commissioner Irwin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Leys mentioned the price is \$340.16 counting the tax. County Manager Don Adams stated that we can get the materials so it will be tax exempt.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a road name to be considered by the Board; Peaceful Mountain Lane. He explained why the road needs to be named and all of the property owners have agreed.

Chair Smith opened the public hearing at 6:42pm and asked for public comments regarding the proposed road name. None were received. He closed the public hearing at 6:43pm and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the proposed road name. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a letter from Dr. Jeff Cox about Rita Woodruff's term is expiring on the Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to reappoint Rita Woodruff to serve on the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion.

Commissioner Leys stated her appreciation to Rita Woodruff for her commitment to the community college.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the 2015/16 workers compensation and property liability insurance renewals. He reviewed the proposals; workers compensation is \$105,871 as compared to the current year budget of \$100,660 and property/liability insurance is \$99,735 as compared to the current year budget of \$106,929. He stated that overall these are \$1,983 less than the current year

Commissioner Irwin asked if the workers compensation code for the sheriff's department officers, automobile liability and law enforcement liability is pro-rated and the costs passed on to Roaring Gap. County Manager Don Adams talked about the contract language, and he will check on getting this pro-rated for them.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the insurance renewals for 2015/16. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a request to fill an open jailer position at a Grade 60, \$23,240.55.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment Economic Development Fund #1 in the amount of \$35,000. He explained the purpose of the budget amendment. He further explained that next year he will ask the Commissioners to do the same thing. He talked about the \$35,000 will be set aside for voting machines. He explained another fund can't be set up for this because of restrictions. He said this is an accounting procedures to save \$35,000 for voting machines.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve budget amendment Economic Development Fund #1 in the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment E911 #1 in the amount of \$24,593. He explained that this is a contract to be paid in one lump sum and will extend the contract one year.

Commissioner Evans and County Manager Don Adams talked about this contract requires us to pay up front.

Commissioner Leys and County Manager Don Adams talked about the reason for paying it up front, and next year we won't have to budget this money.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve budget amendment E911 #1 in the amount of \$24,593. Commissioner Irwin seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams provided a brief update on the Economic Development Plan including the creation of the action committees. He updated the Board that the committees met a couple of weeks ago, had very successful meetings, and had at least 95% attendance for each committee. He reminded everyone that the Commissioners and Town Council appointed the chairs and secretaries for each group. He explained that they set it up across the board for all of the meetings to be ran the same including they met a week before

with the chairs. He said that at this point all of the committees have their next meeting set and have a beginning direction.

Chair Smith talked about passing the Commissioners' appreciation along to the committee members for their appointments.

Commissioner Irwin asked are we going to have a monthly update on the committee meetings. County Manager Don Adams said they can share the minutes of the meetings. The County Manager talked about one of the things that has been put in place is that each set of meeting minutes will be shared with the chair of each group, and he can include the Commissioners in that email chain. Commissioner Irwin said this is very important.

The County Manager talked about one of the things that came up was the length of the terms for these appointments. He explained that each of the committees have set a goal to prepare a report to the citizens in six months. He further explained that after one year reevaluate where we are with the committees.

Commissioner Evans asked how the message will go out to the public. The County Manager explained that he was thinking in terms of a public presentation at a joint meeting but haven't had any conversation about how to do that. They discussed the meetings are on a monthly basis. The County Manager talked about all of these groups are at different stages and explained what he meant. Commissioner Evans asked if the minutes are available by email. The County Manager answered yes. Commissioner Evans said he would like those. The County Manager said he will get them to him.

County Manager Don Adams mentioned that the Farmers Market's grand opening is on May 16 and it starts at 9:00am. He said if the Commissioners plan to attend to please come around 8:30am to 8:45am. He said that everyone is invited. He stated that they are putting the roof on today.

Commissioner Davis said before they leave today they will have the roof on phase 1, and are planning on pouring the concrete.

County Manager Don Adams explained that one of the ASU students helped them design a memorial area for Veterans Memorial Park.

Commissioner Leys discussed a request for naming the bridge on Farmers Fish Camp Road. She explained that the work is almost complete. She read the proposed Gambill Family Bridge resolution. She talked about how important this is to her family and they humbly ask for the Commissioners' support. She said she would like to recuse herself from voting because it is the ethical thing to do, and she isn't receiving any financial compensation regarding this.

Commissioner Davis made a motion accept Commissioner Leys' request to recuse her. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion.

County Manager Don Adams stated that there is a cost associated with this and the Gambill family will pay the \$1,000 fee.

Commissioner Evans talked about the history associated with this and this is an honor.

The Board voted on the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Smith opened the floor for public comments. None were received. He closed that portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Irwin talked about Veterans Memorial Park and the committee's work on a memorial representing all branches of service. He said they meet again this Friday. He mentioned the North Carolina community colleges system. He provided statistics on how

many students are enrolled in the community colleges and dual enrollment. He said he wants to support the community college system. He stated that they do an excellent job and encourages more high school students to take college classes.

Commissioner Evans said it was nice to see the Scouts here tonight. He encouraged people that are hauling trash to the Transfer Facility to put a strap on the trash so it doesn't blow out and pollute the roads.

Commissioner Leys said it is such an honor to sit here with this group. She talked about the Farmers Market design is awesome. She said that it is good to see the young people in the audience, and she is thankful to be here.

Chair Smith reminded everyone of the Board of Equalization and Review training tomorrow at 4:30pm and the Soil & Water meeting at 7:00pm at the VFW.

Being no further business, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 7:29pm. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Tom Smith
Chair