

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 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, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Vice-Chair Randy Miller was present but arrived late.

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

Chair Ken Richardson explained that a resolution regarding the Sparta Parkway needs to be added to the agenda under county business.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this May 17, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA
Monday, May 17, 2010
3:30 PM

- 3:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for May 17, 2010, meeting
Motion on Minutes for May 3 and May 5, 2010, meetings
Motion on April Tax Releases and Refunds
- 3:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Will Jernigan
RE: Training Facility
Safety Training Facility Documents and Resolution
C. Wendy Williams
RE: Mapping/911 Budgets
D. David Evans/Travis Dalton
RE: Recreation and Planning Budgets
E. Don Adams
RE: Budgets-Department Heads
F. John Blevins
RE: Social Services Budget
G. Kate Cosner
RE: Elections Budget
2nd Primary
Annual Report
H. Soil and Water Annual Report
I. County Business
1. Insurance Renewal Agreements
2. Internship Program
3. EMS Building Budget Amendment and Project Ordinance Amendment
4. Budget Amendment—AIM Van
5. Budget Amendments—Salary Changes
6. Budget Amendment—Fair
7. Summer Jamboree Request
8. Sparta Parkway Designation (added)
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 3 and May 5, 2010, meetings. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

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

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the real and auto

releases for April. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson asked for public comments.

Commissioner Randy Miller arrived at 3:34pm.

Dr. Jeff Cox, Superintendent, came before the Board to discuss the Board of Education's capital outlay budget for next year. He talked about this year and next year's numbers. He explained that a portion of sales tax comes from food and in the technical language of the law says that amount doesn't have to be included in the capital allocation to the schools. He talked about the amount of the cut for this year and next year. He explained \$265,000 of the capital allocation is already committed which will leave \$135,000 for everything else. He reiterated that according to the law, technically the Board doesn't have to provide the food sales tax but he is requesting that the Board continue to do so. He stated he just wanted to make the Commissioners aware of this.

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

County Manager Don Adams introduced Will Jernigan with Cavanaugh. He explained that he is here to present an overview of the project, requesting the Board to approve the information that Mr. Jernigan will present, bids specs and authorize the County Manager to make minor adjustments to bid specs as dictated by USDA.

Will Jernigan displayed a drawing of the safety training facility project and described the project. He explained the project including the large driving area, flashover simulator, propane training system, facility, water line for the facility along with a hydrant. He presented an overview of the technical work, grading, site prep and reviewed the schedule including obtaining approval by USDA, going out to bid then open bids by the end of June to finish the project by the end of 2010. He reviewed funding sources for the project. He talked about the permits that have been obtained; floodplain development permit from the Town, environmental permit from NCDENR.

County Manager Don Adams talked about there has been some discussions about the use of this site/project. He further talked about State agencies have commented on this project. He explained that all of the wetlands have been delineated. He further explained that this has gone through every review process out there.

Chair Ken Richardson and Will Jernigan discussed the location of the house that is currently on the property.

Chair Ken Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed the plans for the house on the project. The County Manager reviewed the amount the County is providing from the rollover 911 funds of \$175,000 with \$50,000 going towards the renovation of the house into classrooms. He explained that there is finished water running from US 21 to the house and the location of the sewer line.

County Manager Don Adams stated that Will Jernigan is here to present the specifications, which is what will be going out to bid. He asked the Board to proceed with the project, approve the specs as presented and give the County Manager approval to make minor changes to the specs that come from USDA. He explained the importance of the last part because of waiting for changes from USDA's review.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve these three items that the County Manager explained. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Wendy Williams, E-911/Mapping Coordinator, came before the Board to discuss a salary grade change for her assistant. She reviewed changes to her assistant's job description. She explained that she is requesting a grade change from grade 59 to grade 61.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Wendy Williams talked about these are additional duties for this employee and this grade change doesn't take into consideration longevity issues.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 3:2 (Milly Richardson, Steve Roten).

David Evans/Travis Dalton came before the Board to request a salary change for their administrative assistant. David Evans reviewed the changes to her job description regarding the recreation department. Travis Dalton reviewed the changes to her job description regarding the planning department. He stated that they are requesting the job grade change from grade 61 to grade 63.

Chair Ken Richardson and Travis Dalton talked about the clerk certification that she will start attending.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams discussed this position wasn't reviewed last year. They discussed the change in this position because initially more time was spent on recreation, transition in the departments since the position was created, and currently spends more time on the planning side because she can sign off on permits with the exception of being a map review officer. They continued to discuss that this job has changed considerably since its creation.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Travis Dalton talked about the costs is \$2,222. Travis Dalton explained the average salary for this position is still higher.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:1 (Steve Roten).

County Manager Don Adams presented information to the Board regarding positions that work directly for him and the Commissioners. He explained the information that the Commissioners have; copy of current pay plan and proposed job description changes. He reviewed the positions he is requesting a pay grade change; e-911/mapping coordinator from grade 66 to grade 68, recreation director from grade 66 to grade 68, district administrator/conservationist from grade 66 to administrative director/conservationist II at grade 68, clerk to the board/administrative assistant from grade 65 to clerk to the board/assistant to county manager at grade 68, inspector I, II—planner from grade 66 to grade 67, planning director from grade 68 to planning director—inspector at grade 69. He explained that the planning director is for a later time. He continued reviewing the positions; emergency management coordinator from grade 67 to emergency management coordinator/fire inspector at grade 69, building codes chief inspector from grade 68 to grade 69, EMS administrative director from grade 69 to grade 71 and finance officer from grade 73 to grade 74. He explained that the job descriptions for all of these were written in 2003 with the exception of planning-inspector and recreation director. He further explained that job functions have changed and additional training/certifications that have been acquired. He talked about this includes all of the people who report to him with the exception of the public works director and the transportation director because they presented their information, but his recommendation would have been higher for those positions but he had not reviewed all of the positions at that time. He stated that this does not include the county manager, tax administrator, sheriff or register of deeds.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams discussed the training provided out of pocket and county paid training.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the changes in the job descriptions for the positions he is requesting grade changes.

Chair Ken Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed the highlighted portions of the job descriptions are the changes.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams discussed that these positions are increasing due to merit.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed the costs for each position change; administration \$4,005.05, planning \$1,719.11, emergency management \$757.35, building inspections \$886.47, EMS \$3,294.05, finance \$1,449.63, 911/mapping \$729.89, recreation \$2,836.04, soil and water \$748.58 for a total of \$15,312.65 for the General Fund and \$365.95 for the 911 Fund. He reiterated that this is not a longevity conversation. He discussed the existing policy of going to the beginning step of the new grade or 1.875% increase, whichever is higher.

Commissioner Milly Richardson asked why there have been no requests before now if this has been an issue.

County Manager Don Adams stated that this goes along with the prior actions of the Board. He talked about he thinks almost all employees' jobs have changed some since 2003. He further talked about these are the people that report directly to him and thought it was his responsibility to bring these to the Board.

Commissioner Milly Richardson asked about when there were adequate revenues why weren't these requests made then.

County Manager Don Adams explained that the pattern of the Board was going on a case-by-case basis, up to this point he looked at the employees as a whole rather than individually, and when he was looking at the numbers as a whole, the numbers were a significant amount, and he didn't think the County could afford that.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Don Adams talked about the numbers that are being discussed tonight are not included in his budget. They further discussed that there are no source for funds for these requests.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about it is up to the Board at budget time. He reiterated that these were brought to the Board because of prior action by the Board. He said he is just being consistent with what the Board has done.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and the County Manager discussed the Manager's budget recommendations that he is currently working on but hasn't finalized. The County Manager explained that he is still looking for revenues and one avenue that is being considered by the Manager's budget is taxes.

Commissioner Steve Roten talked about he sees a lot of inequities in these amounts, and these are problems he has had in the past and now. He further talked about he has a problem with how the Commissioners are going to pay for this. He said that if the Board can pay for this without raising taxes then he is all for it. He further said he is voting against this because of where the money is coming from. He stated that the Board may need to look back at what the Board has done.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to table this until budget discussions when the Board has a better idea about where the money is coming from.

Commissioner Steve Roten asked her to amend the motion to include everything that has already been done.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that she doesn't think she can do that.

County Attorney Donna Shumate clarified that the Board can't table action that has already been voted on.

Commissioner Milly Richardson reiterated the need to look at it during budget time. She stated her motion is table what the County Manager has presented.

Commissioner Steve Roten asked as a Board can't they go back and undo anything that has been done.

County Attorney Donna Shumate explained that the Board can go back and make a motion to make a downward modification but the Board can't table action that

has already occurred.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about when the very first motion about this occurred he told the Board that everyone needed to be aware about what was coming. He explained that he was fully prepared coming into this budget to look at furloughs and insurance but when the Board agreed to look at this on a merit basis that took that away. He further explained that he doesn't know how the Board can table this group of employees because the County Manager has taken the Board's actions and produced this request. He stressed the need to be consistent.

Commissioner Randy Miller agreed.

Commissioner Steve Roten talked about he doesn't think the Board is being consistent because of the inequities between the requests.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about the Board agreed to take the requests one by one.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated this is why she asked for this to be tabled.

Commissioner Steve Roten explained that he thinks everything needs to be looked at.

The motion on the table died due to a lack of a second.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about Commissioner Murphy's motion that was approved at the last meeting was everyone had to present by today then anything else comes during budget time.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about he agrees with what Commissioner Roten is saying but the Board started this and has to continue through it.

Commissioner Steve Roten reiterated his problem with the varying amounts.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about these requests are based on what the Board has been giving and is consistent with what has been given.

Commissioner Doug Murphy, Chair Ken Richardson and Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about this is nine positions because no one is in the tenth position.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve these requests. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 3:2 (Milly Richardson, Steve Roten).

John Blevins, Social Services Director, reminded the Board that social services fall under the Office of State Personnel. He explained the four employees who have been reviewed and requesting job title/position changes by the Office of State Personnel. He further explained their changes. He said that when the Office of State Personnel notifies Social Services of the changes there isn't much the County can do.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and John Blevins talked about this is another unfunded mandate by the State.

Commissioner Steve Roten and John Blevins talked about having certified people who can do these duties.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and John Blevins talked about if the duties are added to other people then the State will review those positions to make changes. John Blevins explained that the County does have leeway about when to start.

Chair Ken Richardson and John Blevins talked about portions of these salary increases are reimbursed.

County Manager Don Adams explained the requests.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that this is not John Blevins opinion or the County Manager's opinion because this is the State reviewing the positions saying this is a change.

John Blevins agreed and explained why the change is necessary.

Chair Ken Richardson, Commissioner Randy Miller and John Blevins talked about the reimbursement amount that the County receives.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve these four positions.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and John Blevins talked about the reimbursements and the timeframe that this would be effective.

Commissioner Randy Miller amended his motion effective July 1. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 3:2 (Milly Richardson, Steve Roten).

John Blevins presented the Board information regarding job description changes that are inline with what has been presented before. He reviewed the highlights from his letter including the amount of additional training and continuing education required for social services. He further reviewed the list of recommended pay grade changes; social worker supervisor III from grade 73 to 75, social worker IA&T from grade 70 to 72, social worker III from grade 69 to 71, income maintenance supervisor II from grade 67 to 69, lead child support agent from grade 66 to 68, income maintenance investigator II from grade 65 to 67, child support agent I from grade 63 to 65, income maintenance caseworker II from grade 63 to 65, administrative assistant from grade 63 to 65, accounting tech II from grade 59 to 61, processing assistant V from grade 59 to 61 and director from grade 77 to 79. He stated that the Social Services Board has reviewed and recommended these changes. He quickly reviewed the highlight job description changes for every position.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams talked about the costs associated with this request; \$51,841.13 with \$30,396.97 to be reimbursements leaving \$21,444.16 as the County costs.

Chair Ken Richardson and John Blevins talked about this includes the four positions just voted on.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and John Blevins talked about there isn't any more money coming from the state. They further talked about this is everyone in social services.

Chair Ken Richardson and John Blevins reviewed the costs to the County; \$21,444.16.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to table this request until budget discussions to find the money. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 2:3 (Randy Miller, Doug Murphy, Ken Richardson).

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that he voted against this because the Board's prior actions, motions and approvals have led the Board here. He talked about the Board must be consistent.

Chair Ken Richardson made a motion to approve this request. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 3:2 (Milly Richardson, Steve Roten).

Kate Cosner came before the Board to present information about job description changes that have occurred in the Board of Elections' office. She provided the Board with updated corrected numbers for her request. She stated that she is proposing a classification change for Jenny Billings from administrative assistant at grade 57 to deputy director at grade 61 in the amount of \$4,360.54 and Kate Cosner from elections supervisor at grade 66 to the director of elections at grade 69 in the amount of \$4,730.14. She presented comparison information from District 3 counties which

include 12 counties regionally. She also presented a resolution adopted March 31, 2008 from the Board of Elections regarding changing the classifications of elections staff. She reviewed job description changes for the director of elections.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Kate Cosner discussed the job duties of elections supervisor/director of elections and changes since 2006.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Ed Adams discussed changes in the job description since 2006.

Kate Cosner discussed the job description change in the educational requirement. She reviewed the job description changes for the deputy director of elections from an administrative assistant.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Kate Cosner discussed that this person has an associate's degree.

Chair Ken Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed this request hasn't been discussed between the County Manager and Kate Cosner.

Kate Cosner reviewed why she wasn't included in the County Manager's presentation because the Board of Elections works on personnel.

Commissioner Randy Miller and Kate Cosner discussed she came up with these numbers by the regional averages.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Kate Cosner discussed the pay grade changes. He talked about making a motion to allow the Commissioners to review this.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the deputy director is inline with the recent action in the inspections department. He said he hasn't looked into the director's position. He talked about these requests fall inline with some of what he recommended before.

Kate Cosner stated that she has reviewed the minutes and thinks this does fall inline with other actions from the Board. She talked about answering to three different boards. She further talked about speaking as a director for four years and being put in a difficult relationship with the County Manager and the Board of Commissioners.

County Manager Don Adams talked about there is direct correlation about the assistant's position. He further talked about his earlier recommendation of supervisors are from grade 68 to 74 with the exception of two with one being at grade 66 and one at grade 67.

Commissioner Steve Roten reiterated that he doesn't see how the County is going to pay for all of these things.

Chair Ken Richardson and Kate Cosner talked about the effective date of this request with her recommendation being the next pay period but this hasn't been discussed tonight.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that he recommends it to be effective July 1. He asked for a motion on this request.

Kate Cosner stated that on every other department that has been reviewed, tabling has been discussed but didn't occur, and the Board of Elections is the only one that has been tabled.

Kate Cosner presented information on the 2nd primary on June 22. She reviewed her request for the 2nd primary; \$7,005.43.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the 2nd primary request. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that he needs a little more time to review the job description requests. He talked about changed information was brought to him right before the meeting.

Commissioner Randy Miller stated that he would like time to review these numbers.

Kate Cosner explained each item on the handout.

Chair Ken Richardson and Commissioner Milly Richardson discussed the reason for tabling the matter being that no motion was made after he asked for a motion either way.

Kate Cosner presented the elections annual report. She highlighted voter registration numbers, revenues from the Board of Elections department and the kids voting program. She talked about the upcoming basketball game fundraiser for Kids Voting on May 23.

The Board stated their appreciation.

Linda Hash came before the Board to present the annual report for the Soil and Water department. She explained this report is in the form on their quarterly newsletter. She reviewed the highlights of the report including the cost share programs, educational programs and contests, district activities summary, farmland preservation program, no till drill, rain barrel give away and board and staff for the soil and water district. She thanked the Board for their work for the department and the recent salary grade changes. She talked about serving on the insurance committee and one of the things heard at the meetings was that people stay for the insurance. She said that she doesn't want to see taxes raised but rising costs should not be at the expense of the employees.

Chair Ken Richardson declared a 5-minute recess at 5:47pm.

Chair Ken Richardson reconvened the meeting.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the insurance renewal agreements for property/liability, workers compensation and medical insurance.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about the recent meeting where insurance was discussed. He reviewed the current and proposed rate for property/liability. He stated that this quote is to remain part of the NCACC insurance pools.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he has reconfirmed that the EMS building is in this quote. He talked about looking at the possibility of changing the deductibles.

Commissioner Steve Roten and County Manager Don Adams talked about this covers all of our property with a \$1,000 deductible.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to approve the property/liability renewal. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson reviewed the workers comp current rate and new rate. He reiterated that this quote is to remain part of the NCACC insurance pools.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the workers comp renewal. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson reviewed the rates for the medical insurance current rate and proposed rate. He reiterated that this quote is to remain part of the NCACC insurance pools.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to take option #2 from the

insurance committee; RX co-pay to \$0-\$20-\$35, deductible to \$500 and ER co-pay to \$250. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about his concerns about long-term employees and retirees. He further talked about retirees will be hit hard if the Board continues to move forward with the reductions.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that all five Commissioners are eligible for the insurance and two Commissioners have the insurance. She asked the County Attorney Donna Shumate if this is a conflict of interest for those two Commissioners to be voting on this because they are directly affected.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that he has the insurance and doesn't think he has a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Steve Roten asked if it isn't up to the Board to decide whether it is a conflict of interest or not.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that normally it is up to each Commissioner to state they have a conflict but the question is when the Commissioner thinks they don't have a conflict and the other Commissioners thinks there is a conflict.

Commissioner Milly Richardson agreed and stated that she thinks it is a conflict.

Commissioner Randy Miller stated that he is the other Commissioner that has the insurance because his wife can no longer carry him on her insurance, and he has only had the insurance starting last year.

Commissioner Steve Roten stated that he wasn't aware of these issues. He said that if Commissioners want the insurance, Commissioners should pay for it because the Commissioners aren't full-time employees, and the Commissioners don't fall in that category.

Commissioner Doug Murphy clarified that the motion is option #2.

Commissioner Steve Roten stated that is a good compromise, and he will second it.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 4:1. (Ken Richardson).

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that she doesn't think this is a conflict because the Commissioners set their own rate of pay.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he has been approached by Jeremy Caudle about an internship program. He explained that Mr. Caudle has relatives in Ennice. He further explained that Mr. Caudle has approached the County to be an intern at no costs to the County. He further explained that Mr. Caudle is trying to finish the MBA program at ASU, and he will provide service for up to 12 weeks at no costs to the County.

The Board agreed to proceed.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment Transportation Fund #3 in the amount of \$35,748 for a capital grant received by AIM.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment Transportation Fund #3 in the amount of \$35,748. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment Transfer Facility #4 in the amount of \$937 for job reclassifications.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment Transfer Facility #4 in the amount of \$937. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the

motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #35 in the amount of \$859 for job reclassifications.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #35 in the amount of \$859. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #36 in the amount of \$40 for job reclassifications.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #36 in the amount of \$40. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #37 in the amount of \$3,700 for the Ag fair.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #37 in the amount of \$3,700. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #34 and EMS project ordinance amendment in the amounts of \$29,760. He explained that these put funds in place that have already been approved; \$10,000 for the new building and \$19,760 for the sprinklers. He said that they are hoping to move into the facility by the first or second week in June.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #34 in the amount of \$29,760. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the EMS project ordinance amendment in the amount of \$29,760. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a request from Sparta Revitalization Committee for the summer jamboree formally known as the June jamboree. He stated that this was approved last year, and if this gets approved, is this something that needs to be added into the budget annually. He reiterated that there is two requests; request for \$1000, and is this going to an annual amount.

Commissioner Steve Roten stated the Board has to start somewhere and make some cuts.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that he thinks it shouldn't be put in automatically, and it should be requested each year.

Commissioner Steve Roten stated that the Board has got to start cutting items.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about there is a lot of work that goes into this promoting Alleghany County.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Chair Ken Richardson talked about this request does not go through the Chamber.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that he thinks this request should be funneled through the Chamber because it falls in their area.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to deny this request. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion because he thinks it needs to go through the Chamber.

Commissioner Steve Roten amended his motion to funnel this to the Chamber. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the amendment. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a resolution requesting designation of the Sparta Parkway as a blue star memorial highway. He read the highlights of the resolution. He explained that this is a compromise between the VFW and our DOT board member about trying to get this adopted.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Chair Ken Richardson talked about conversations with the State regarding this request.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about they would place a plaque on the highway stating that it is a blue star highway. He reiterated that this was a compromise.

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

Chair Ken Richardson reminded the Board about the June 1st meeting at 6:30pm for the County Manager's budget presentation.

Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about the amount the Board has approved, \$39,343.76, in additional expenses. She asked how many cents is that on the tax rate.

County Manager Don Adams answered \$0.00234; a quarter of a penny.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the amount a penny raises on property taxes; \$168,000.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Commissioner Steve Roten talked about this was the amount approved for the raises tonight.

Commissioner Steve Roten stated that there are some departments that haven't made their presentations.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about he provided each Commissioner a graduation invitation for Alleghany High School. He talked about getting a schedule of all of the schools' graduation dates.

Being no further business, Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to adjourn at 6:25pm. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman