

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 6:30pm 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 Smith made a motion to approve the agenda for this June 3, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA  
Monday, June 3, 2013  
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer  
Motion on Agenda for June 3, 2013, Meeting  
Motion on Minutes for May 20, 2013, Meeting
- 6:35 A. Public Hearing – E-911 Road Names  
RE: To hear public comments regarding naming two new roads in the Glade Creek township; Horseshoe Hollar and Bunny Trail
- 6:40 B. Wendy Williams – E-911/Mapping Coordinator  
RE: Naming of two new roads in the Glade Creek Township; Horseshoe Hollar and Bunny Trail. Action Requested – Vote on the proposed road names.
- 6:45 C. April Hamm – Transportation Director  
RE: Alleghany County's Local Coordination Plan for Alleghany in Motion will be presented to be reviewed by the County Commissioners and the General Public for consideration at a later meeting. No action requested.
- 6:55 D. General Business
1. July 1, 2013 Board of Commissioners' Meeting  
Discuss cancelling the July 1, 2013 Commissioners' meeting.
  2. Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Resolution  
The proposed resolution recognizes the importance of PARTF and requests that the NC General Assembly maintain dedicated revenues generated by the seventy-five cents of the deed stamp tax for the fund. Action Requested – Vote on proposed resolution.
  3. Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees Board Appointment  
The letter from Wilkes Community College President Gordon Burns is requesting that Duane Davis be reappointed to the board of trustees. Duane Davis' term expires on June 30, 2013. Action Requested – Vote on the appointment.
  4. Rural Center Internship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
The MOU gives details regarding the funding being provided to Alleghany County to hire an intern to work 160 hours over the summer. Action Requested – Vote on internship agreement (MOU).
  5. Surplus Trailer  
The current scrap metal trailer is unsafe and needs to be sold as scrap. Action Requested – Vote on declaring the trailer surplus and vote to give the County manager permission to dispose of the trailer.
  6. Budget 2013/14 Presentation  
The County Manager's recommended budget will be presented. No action requested.
- E. Public Comments—30 minutes
- F. Adjourn

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Cox declared the public hearing open at 6:32pm regarding the E-911 proposed road names. He asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public hearing at 6:33pm and reconvened the regular meeting.

Wendy Williams, E-911 Coordinator/Mapper, presented two road names for the Board's approval; Horseshoe Hollar and Bunny Trail. She explained the locations of the roads.

County Manager Don Adams, Chair Cox and Wendy Williams talked about this is one property owner.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the road names as presented by the E-911 Coordinator/Mapper. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Cox talked about he had citizens approach him about signs being stolen. He asked Wendy Williams to provide information about the problem. Wendy Williams talked about the seriousness of the emergency services needing to find a location. She talked about this year is trending to replace 100 signs, which is the lowest in the past 4 years. She further talked about it cost an average of \$40 per sign for a complete new sign/post plus \$25 for the fire department to install, and it is \$15 to make the sign only. She explained that they make the signs in their office. They talked about people's concerns about missing road signs. He asked about things to try to stop the signs from being stolen. She talked about they have changed the screws and now they are changing the types of signs in hopes that the signs will stay up longer. She urged people to call 911 if you see someone stealing the signs.

April Hamm, Transportation Director, presented Allegheny County's Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan. She explained the purpose of the update. She talked about the Coordination Plan involves several entities. She further explained that this is to get the information to the public for review. She reviewed the timeline of the Plan including bringing the Plan back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Leys and April Hamm talked about funding for the ED van.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the July 1, 2013, meeting and some Commissioners have talked about not having the first meeting in July because of several meetings in June.

Chair Cox and County Manager Don Adams talked about not having a meeting last year in July. The County Manager talked about there will still be two meetings in July because of the Joint meeting with the Town of Sparta on July 29.

The Board talked about the meeting.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to cancel the first meeting in July. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the proposed PARTF resolution in regards to maintaining their funding. He reviewed the highlights of the resolution. He explained the dedicated revenues for PARTF are being proposed to be moved into the general fund and will not be dedicated to PARTF. He read the last paragraph of the resolution. He talked about this isn't a lot different than the lottery funds. He explained the grants that Allegheny County and Town of Sparta have received from PARTF. He said if the State is going to un-dedicate the tax then they should reduce it.

Chair Cox and County Manager Don Adams talked about this is similar to the Rural Center resolution. They talked about this is a statewide movement asking for support.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the PARTF resolution. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a letter from Gordon Burns with Wilkes Community College requesting the Board to reappoint Duane Davis to the Wilkes Community College's Board of Trustees.

Chair Cox said that he has personally talked to Duane Davis, and he is willing to serve again.

Chair Cox and Clerk Karen Evans talked about the length of the term is four years.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to reappoint Duane Davis to the Wilkes Community College's Board of Trustees. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams discussed the Rural Center Internship. He reviewed the requirements for the Internship. He explained the process including he worked with Jayne Boger to identify possible candidates that would qualify for the internship and Jessica Wyatt was selected. He further explained that the Rural Center, through the State Employees Credit Union, will provide \$5,000 for the internship with half of the money going to the intern and the other half going to the County to cover the County's costs. He explained the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Leys and County Manager Don Adams talked about the money is coming through the State Employee Credit Union and the Federal Employee Credit Union.

Chair Cox and County Manager Don Adams talked about this don't involve any County money.

County Manager Don Adams explained that the intern will be housed in the Recreation Department and will be paid from Recreation's part-time line item. He explained the items that the intern will be involved with.

Commissioner Leys and County Manager Don Adams talked about Vickie Moyer will be going to Raleigh with her; Jim Brown/Travis Dalton will be her supervisor. He explained that he will make sure she is exposed to different types of work.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams said that he is asking the Board to declare the scrap metal trailer surplus. He explained that it is unsafe. He further explained that he is looking to surplus this trailer and scrap it after taking items from it to put on the existing flatbed trailer. He explained that the County has several Dumpsters out there that aren't used because now the contract requires enough trailers at the Transfer Facility to handle the amount of garbage. He described how they are going to take two Dumpsters and make the sides of the trailer. He said that we can get it done for less than \$1,000. He talked about the costs for a new trailer would be the cost of the steel. He continued talking about declaring this trailer surplus then they will take the tires off and scrap it.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to surplus the scrap metal trailer. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams asked about permission to scrap it.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to allow the County Manager to scrap the trailer. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the layout of the budget books including the tabs, the revenues/expenditures charts, packet of the recommended budget, fee schedules and information about the retirement. He presented the FY 2013/14 Budget Message in the amount of \$13,909,939, which is a 2.69% decrease over the current amended budget. He started reading the Budget Message by reviewing the expenditures highlights and charts of the total expenditures and the explanation of the line items. He continued reading the expenditures of all county revenues/property tax, sales tax, undesignated revenues expended by function and the explanation of expenditures relating to the charts. He continued reviewing the Budget Message; personnel, insurance/retirement, capital--\$7,673 and capital improvements--\$7,894. He further reviewed the Budget Message of the Allegheny County Board of Education's current expense and capital (School Capital Reserve Fund), special appropriations—grants & mandates/volunteer safety/primary core functions/secondary functions/new items and continuing items. He reviewed the revenue charts' categories and the explanation of line items. He continued reviewing his Budget Message of the revenue highlights category including ad valorem taxes/grants and reimbursements/sales and other taxes/service fees/miscellaneous/General Fund balance. He further reviewed the Budget Message for the special fund highlights for the Transfer Facility Fund in the amount of \$806,905, E911 Fund in the amount of \$113,341, Transportation Operational Fund in the amount of \$432,498 including capital in the amount of \$130,775. He named the other funds and talked about this can be discussed during the budget process. He expressed his appreciation to all County employees, department heads, elected officials, special appropriation representatives, Finance and Administration's employees for their work and efforts on the budget.

Chair Cox stated his appreciation to everyone for working on this budget proposal.

Commissioner Goudreau agreed with Chair Cox's comments about his appreciation for everyone working on the budget.

Commissioner Smith agreed with the comments about his appreciation for everyone's work.

Commissioner Leys said she understands this is hard work. She stated that she has questions and will meet with the County Manager later. She stated her appreciation for all of the hard work.

County Manager Don Adams offered for Commissioner Leys and Commissioner Davis to stay after the meeting so he can show them the layout of the budget books.

Chair Cox talked about our next meeting is Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30pm.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the only other thing he has to discuss with the Board are fee schedules.

Commissioner Leys and County Manager Don Adams talked about there is one fee schedule change that Randy Blankenship will talk about on Thursday night.

Chair Cox talked about taking the budget and reviewing it. He explained there are meetings on June 5 and June 6 with time set aside for budget discussions if the Board wants to.

Chair Cox declared a brief recess at 8:38pm.

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

DW Miles came before the Board to update everyone about the Miles Job Fund including the number of jobs created, and the tourism initiative is continuing to go well. He thanked the Board for serving and the hard work. He also thanked Don Adams, Donna Shumate and Karen Evans. He talked about Harold Church and his recent health issues. He explained that they are trying to raise funds to help him get back on his feet. He said he would like to have the Commissioners' support for this. He explained that on June 21 at the High School there will be a spaghetti dinner to help raise money for him. He reiterated needing everyone's support.

Brandon Hawks talked about not knowing what it is like until you walk in someone's shoes, he explained that he has just done that. He talked about he is starting a LLC here in Allegheny County. He said that he was taught that an LLC was the easiest way to go but he has spent the last two months trying to accomplish that. He provided examples of items he has ran into trying to develop a LLC through the Secretary of State's office. He talked about his business is a time-sensitive business. He said this is just through the Secretary of State's office then there are other agencies to go through. He stated people are wondering what his point is because this doesn't have anything to do with the County. He further stated that is wrong because it does and explained the different ways it relates. He continued talking about the amount of the regulations, and the tax codes are an endless nightmare to start a manufacturing business in this state, for example. He talked about this has gave them new insight on starting a business, and it is ridiculous. He said that businesses shouldn't face roadblock after roadblock. He explained by limiting government, lowering taxes, promoting individuals who engage in their self interest benefits everyone.

Dennis Smith read a paragraph from The American Dream. He asked why there is corruption all around us. He talked about Charles Finney and read a quote by him. He quoted John Calvin. He continued talking about Charles Finney. He read a prayer by a County Commissioner in North Carolina.

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

Commissioner Leys talked about she would like to recognize Kathy Wagoner, Vickie Moyer and Toni Williams for landscaping this building. She stated that there has been a request that the County consider having a flag at this building. She talked about attending the High School graduation Friday night representing the County Commissioners. She recognized Angie Sexton at Social Services for her collection efforts and stated her appreciation. She talked about the need to help Harold Church with a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. She recognized Stephen Whitlow for the rock work at the Dysart building and at the Library building. She talked about she was touched by Chair Cox's speech at the Memorial Day celebration, the Memorial Day parade, and it was a memorable weekend. She said that our community comes together for nice events.

Chair Cox talked about the Memorial Day celebration was honorable and respectful. He said he was glad to be a part of it. He talked about the crowd at the celebration. He thanked everyone who put it together.

Being no further business, Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Larry Cox  
Chairman