

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 10:00am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Cox, Commissioner John Goudreau, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

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

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the agenda for this June 18, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, June 18, 2012
10:00 AM

- 10:00 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer
Motion on Agenda for June 18, 2012, meeting
Motion on Minutes for May 16, June 1, and June 4, 2012, meetings
- 10:05 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Rita Miller
RE: May Releases and Refunds
May Collections Report
Tax Appeal
- C. Bob Bamberg
RE: Suicide Awareness Proclamation
- D. Joel Souther
RE: Blue Ridge Electric Easements
- E. General Business
1. Solid Waste Plan Update
2. Library—Golden Leaf Project
3. Budget Amendment—Roaring Gap Deputies
4. Budget Amendments—School Cap Reserve
- F. Commissioner Business
1. New River Service Authority Transition Board Update—Commissioner Cox
2. UN Agenda 21—Commissioner Goudreau
3. FY 2012/13 Budget Discussions—Chair Richardson
- G. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal
- H. Adjourn

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, June 1, and June 4, 2012, meetings. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Bob Bamberg came before the Board to talk about the Summer Jamboree. He provided brochures about all of the activities planned for the Summer Jamboree. He explained the activities including the Music in the Park series.

Dennis Smith talked to the Board about UN Agenda 21 that he requested a resolution in opposition. He said that it shouldn't be that hard. He explained the UN Agenda 21 and the need to stop speaking about UN resolutions as if all people are in favor of the resolutions. He talked about eugenics and provided examples. He further talked about the global futures meeting in Russia earlier this year and said this is why he is asking for a resolution opposing UN Agenda 21. He explained what will happen in the world if UN Agenda 21 isn't opposed. He read a prayer offered in the US Senate.

Jerry Brooks talked to the Board about the upcoming budget process including having agencies and groups come before the Board later today to explain how the budget cuts will impact them. He said that he would like to ask that the people in the County be allowed the same opportunity in talking about the money that the Board will decide how to spend. He asked who will represent the people that will not speak in public or on camera. He said that government has no money unless it takes it from the people. He used an example of his personal finances when he doesn't money. He said that no one will ask that the budget be cut. He asked again who represents the people of the county.

Kathy Murphy said she appreciates the hard work that the Commissioners are doing. She provided a flyer to the Board about an upcoming event at the Park. She talked about the Summer Jamboree and

Music in the Park. She explained the youth festival in the Park that is a good fun day for all in the family to enjoy a day in Crouse Park.

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

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, presented the May auto releases and refunds.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the May auto releases and refunds. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the May real property releases and refunds.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the May real property releases and refunds. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Commissioner Roten asked about a \$1,339.18 release. Rita Miller explained they verified that the business was not open on January 1.

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

Rita Miller presented the May 2012 collections' report.

Rita Miller presented an appeal of the interest and the advertising fee. She explained the new owner paid the taxes but not the interest and advertising fee. She further explained that when this property was sold the new owners were responsible for the tax bill. She referenced NCGS 105-380 about releases. She said her recommendation is to not release the interest and advertising fee.

Commissioner Roten and Rita Miller talked about they were aware of this during the land closing.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Bob Bamberg presented the Suicide Awareness proclamation and explained the need for suicide awareness in the community. He read the proclamation.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Joel Souther with Blue Ridge Electric presented three utility easements where they are asking for extensions; Library, WCC/BDC, High School. He explained that these are to add fiber at each facility.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the pictures at the High School, and explained that the County has already given an easement to MCNC. He further explained that they need power; Blue Ridge Electric is subcontracting with MCNC from the hut to the WCC building under the parking lot, which coincides with previous conversations about keeping from the back of the building because of water. He reviewed information about the Library site including they are going to leave excess wire at the pole because of not knowing about the building plans of the Library. He explained the reason for the High School is because the County technically owns it because of the loan, and he is fine with it as long as the High School is.

Joel Souther talked about Dr. Cox has reviewed and signed the easement. He explained the conversations with the Library.

County Manager Don Adams talked about his previous conversations with the Library and used examples of 200 feet at the pole.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to grant the easement at the High School. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to grant the easement at WCC/BDC. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the easement at Library. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the Alleghany County Solid Waste Management Plan Update. He explained that this has been in the Commissioners' packets several times, and this time it has

the resolution. He further explained that this goes to the State then they will make some comments then it will come back before the Board. He explained that he has reviewed the plan and revised a couple sections. He further explained that the resolution is accepting the plan.

Commissioner Goudreau asked about the wording of municipal in the resolution and the definition of municipal.

County Manager Don Adams said that it can be changed but dealing with this it is interchangeable.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the resolution with that wording change of municipal to say and County. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the next topic was brought before the Board and was mentioned about being on the agenda. He explained the budget meeting where the Library asked for permission for him to be the project manager on the Library's Golden Leaf project. He asked does this project warrant endorsement from the County. He further asked where the Board wants to go from here. He said that the award date is in August. He explained that nothing has been presented before the Commissioners on this project.

Commissioner Cox and County Manager Don Adams talked about ways to proceed with this request including putting the Manager's name on the grant application to allow the grant to be submitted. The County Manager talked about at some point, if this project goes forward, the Board will need to have a conversation about building a facility on County property.

Chair Richardson asked about a previous Board of Commissioners approving a facility being built on the property and it hasn't been rescinded. He asked does it need to be renewed by each Board or does the commitment from a previous Board move this project forward.

County Attorney Donna Shumate asked how long ago that action was.

Chair Richardson said that he thinks it was the Board about six years ago. He explained the reason for bringing that up is because the Library is working towards phase one of the building project.

County Attorney Donna Shumate said she doesn't have the paperwork and it depends upon how it is worded. She provided examples.

Chair Richardson talked about reasons why the conversation could take place now and asked does the Board wait until we see if they are selected.

County Manager Don Adams provided an update on the Golden Leaf monies of \$2,000,000; there are six projects for a total of \$2,800,000 with library being project number six.

Chair Richardson asked is there no County money involved on the grant.

Commissioner Smith said that is correct there isn't. He explained if the money is awarded to the Library, the County would be involved some.

Commissioner Cox asked wasn't it necessary for the grant and it is not necessary to give our support for the Golden Leaf project.

County Manager Don Adams stated that is correct because they needed a project manager in order for the application to go forward.

Commissioner Cox said that the Commissioners would want to hear from the Library, if awarded.

Chair Richardson talked about keeping this for August and, if awarded, then have the presentation.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #27 in the amount of \$625 for Roaring Gap Deputies. He explained that this is because there are more than 26 payrolls in the fiscal year in order for them to get paid the exact number of days in the fiscal year. He further explained that there are no salary increases and this is reimbursed by Roaring Gap.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #27 in the amount of \$625. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendments General Fund #28 and School Capital Reserve #1 in the amount of \$18,198. He explained that these are for additional sales tax monies received that are mandated that a portion goes to the schools for capital needs.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve budget amendments General Fund #28 and School Capital Reserve #1 in the amount of \$18,198. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Cox provided an update regarding the New River Service Authority Transition Board meeting on June 7 in Boone including closed session minutes were approved, previous audit firm decided they did not have the personnel to do the audit so Peggy Wallace found Clifton Allen and Lawson in Charlotte that is willing to do the audit, didn't appropriate any additional money for the audit, approved the Attorney to appeal 18 cases in small-claim courts, approved a resolution to cease meetings except on a called basis, Mr. Poteat submitted his resignation, Nathan Miller appointed as Chairman, Medicaid claim settlement where they stopped New River's funding due to an audit that said that \$2,100,000 is owed back to the State with an outstanding of \$640,000 unpaid claims by Medicaid and the settlement called it equal which was the most important thing because it didn't require any additional monies from the counties. He stated his appreciation for this Board's support. He explained that the last employee's last day is June 30. He commended this Board and this County making the best out of a bad situation as well as the County Manager and County Attorney.

Commissioner Goudreau talked about Dennis Smith asked the Board to review the UN Agenda 21. He displayed a video about UN Agenda 21. He thanked everyone for watching the video. He said that this is very real and is already occurring here in Alleghany County. He explained that the Commissioners recently got a letter from the Department of Interior about acquiring land for wildlife preservation land. He talked about receiving a packet from Mr. Smith which included two proclamations. He said that he would like to do the same for Alleghany County. He further said that he is proposing that Alleghany County adopt a resolution opposing United Nations Agenda 21 similar to Dare County and Gaston County.

Commissioner Smith said that is a lot of information, and he would personally like to have some more time for research.

Commissioner Goudreau said he understands and this is a topic everyone needs to look in to and understand. He talked about both parties have supported this. He talked about putting it on the agenda for the first meeting in July and go from there.

Chair Richardson talked about the County's fee schedules. He listed out the fee schedules; solid waste disposal fee, Alleghany in Motion, recreation, fire inspections, building inspections, EMS.

Commissioner Roten made a motion adopting the fee schedules. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion.

Commissioner Cox asked about fees at the swimming pool; \$1 per child and \$2 per adult. He talked about Galax is \$4, and everyone pays. He said that these fees are pretty reasonable.

County Manager Don Adams agreed that they are lower than the regional fees. He explained that he has implemented that everyone pays.

Commissioner Smith said that hasn't always been the case.

County Manager Don Adams said that it is the case this year, explained that they have implemented a couple of things and provided an example.

Commissioner Cox talked about the County has spent money to get the pool ready. County Manager Don Adams agreed. Commissioner Cox talked about the amount of money. County Manager Don Adams explained the thought process of the lower rates. Commissioner Cox said he agrees.

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

Commissioner Cox made a motion to enter into closed session at 11:21am under NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3)—legal. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn closed session at 12:02pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to allow the County Manager to contact Daymark to work on extending the current lease on a month-to-month basis assuming no upset bid is received on the property. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Being no further business, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn at 12:05pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman