

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to hold a public hearing regarding the 2015/16 budget.

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

Chair Smith opened the public hearing at 6:30pm and turned the meeting over to the County Manager.

County Manager Adams reviewed the draft copy of the budget ordinance for 2015/16, which reflects all the changes discussed by the Commissioners. He reviewed each category.

Chair Smith asked for public comments regarding the budget.

Warren Taylor, Chair of Alleghany Memorial Hospital, told the Commissioners thank you for the past support and for considering the request this year. He said he hopes the Commissioners will continue to support the Hospital and we will not end up like Yadkin County. He explained ways the Hospital has a chance for long-term sustainability. He urged everyone to use the services that the Hospital provides in this area rather than driving up and down the mountain. He thanked the Board for what they do.

Steve Mason, Wellness Center Director, thanked the Board for the time spent last Tuesday and for the support offered the past years. He explained that looking at their numbers and what was provided in the budget it is critical to operate the Center. He talked about looking at what they need for the future. He stated his appreciation for the Commissioners looking at their request. He said that he looks forward to when they can say they don't need the money but that isn't the case right now. He said that he hopes the Commissioners can see the difference in the year to come.

Chair Smith asked for additional comments. No one spoke.

Chair Smith closed the public hearing at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans, Clerk to the Board

Tom Smith, Chair