

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 8:15am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this session was to meet with North Carolina Secretary of Revenue Lyons Gray.

Present: Chair Cox, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Karen Leys, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Cox called the meeting to order.

The Board and Secretary Gray discussed the status of Alleghany Memorial Hospital and other smaller hospitals are affiliated with larger hospitals.

County Manager Don Adams and Secretary Gray talked about how the State's Medicaid swap impacts Alleghany County. They further talked about the need to protect the revenue sources coming from the State. Secretary Gray suggested talking with our State legislators.

County Manager Don Adams and Secretary Gray talked about the recent restructuring of Commerce and the public/private partnerships.

Chair Cox mentioned not having any available industry buildings here and impacts to our public transportation.

Secretary Gray suggested writing a letter regarding each topic/problem/concern explaining the topic, what is the solution and what happens if that doesn't occur. He explained the process about how decisions are made.

County Manager Don Adams and Secretary Gray discussed PEG channels and the money that brings into Alleghany County.

Commissioner Leys, County Manager Don Adams and Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about the technology available in the county.

Secretary Gray expressed the importance of working with Commerce to make sure they are aware of all of the good things here.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, and Secretary Gray talked about the tag/tax project and the reporting functions still aren't working properly.

Chair Cox and Secretary Gray talked about the recent change regarding sales tax exemption for farmers and the need to bring it up to those who can make a difference.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards and Secretary Gray talked about water/sewer needs, disappointment with PARTF amount, State's revolving loan funds, Local Government Commission can help, and the Town's streetscape project.

Commissioner Leys mentioned the need for jobs and ideas. Secretary Gray talked about looking at inventory and using the local community college. She said we need help on that matter.

The Commissioners thanked Secretary Gray for coming to this meeting.

Being no further business, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Larry Cox
Chairman