

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 30, 2012, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

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

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

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

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the June auto releases and refunds. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Rita Miller presented the June real property releases and refunds.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the June real property releases and refunds. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.

Commissioner Goudreau and Rita Miller talked about three releases for one property owner.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 4:0.

Rita Miller presented the June 2012 collections' report.

Rita Miller talked about two items she has to present in July, settlements and insolvents, which are not part of the monthly report. She reviewed that the settlements are lists of persons owing real property and personal property taxes for 2011.

Chair Richardson and Rita Miller talked about the focus has been on the delinquent taxes and the ad in the newspaper generates a lot of taxes paid.

Commissioner Cox and Rita Miller talked about the list is shorter that last year.

Rita Miller talked about the insolvents are taxes owed that are more than 10 years old, and the Tax Office can't use any of the enforcement collection methods. She stated that the personal property insolvents are \$25,130.72.

Chair Richardson and Rita Miller talked about this is personal property only, not real property.

Commissioner Roten and Rita Miller talked about mobile homes.

Rita Miller presented the insolvents for motor vehicles in the amount of \$23,662.27.

Commissioner Roten made a motion allowing the Tax Office to move forward with the insolvents. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller informed the Board that the 2012 tax notices goes in the mail tonight, and there is a tax foreclosure sale on August 1 at 10:00am. She talked about the starting bid of \$1,810, and there has been inquires about this lot.

County Manager Don Adams asked the Tax Administrator to let the Board know about the piece of property that the County owns. Rita Miller explained that they posted the property notice in the Tax Office for an upset bid process. The County Manager explained this is a small lot that the County did not get a bid on at the foreclosure sale. Rita Miller agreed and said it is a very small lot off of Murphy Bend Road. The County Manager reviewed the three ways the County can sell property including the process for an upset bid and offers would come back before the Board.

Rita Miller talked about the combined taxes/tags motor vehicle bill is moving forward. She explained that Fred Sides has selected Alleghany County as his protocol working with NCDMV on this process. Chair Richardson asked about the relationship with tag office. Rita Miller explained what the Tax Office will be doing in regards to people paying taxes in the tag office. Chair Richardson and Rita Miller talked about the State says collection rates will be around 100% once this gets started. They

talked about people re-titling a vehicle, which is a concern of the counties. Commissioner Roten said he doesn't see that a problem because of the taxes you have to pay to transfer a title.

Being no further business, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn at 6:42pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson  
Chairman