

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 1 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. Present: Chair Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, and Commissioner Larry Prince, County Attorney Donna Shumate, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Evans called the meeting to order. He asked Commissioner Bobby Irwin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and he then offered the Invocation.

County Manager Mike James asked to add Josh Green to the agenda for the purchase of a vehicle at the Transfer Facility.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition for January 17, 2017. Commissioner Larry Prince Seconded. Vote 5:0

AGENDA  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
1:00 PM

- 1:00 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  
Motion on Agenda for January 17, 2017 Meeting  
Motion on minutes from meeting on August 15, September 19, December 5, and December 19, 2016
  
- A. 1:05 Spotlight Business, Miles Realty
  
- B. 1:15 Resolution Honoring NAPCO, Inc.'s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- C. 1:20 Public Agenda Comments
  
- D. 1:35 Rita Miller, Tax Administrator
  
- E. 1:50 Nick Hawks, Lieutenant –Sheriff's Department
  - 1. Grant Approval
  
- F. 2:05 Sheriff Brian Maines, Annual Report
  
- G. 2:20 Rotary Annual Report
  
- H. 2:30 BROC Community  
Re: Community Service Block Grant\_
  
- I. 2:45 Blue Ridge Business Development Center Update
  
- I. 2:55 Martin Starnes  
Re: Audit Review\_
  
- K. 3:25 General Business
  - 1. Planning Board Re-Appointments  
-- Bill Caudill and Wayne Miles
  - 2. Authorized Check Signing Policy
  - 2. Budget Amendment #6 – BDC Janitorial
  - 2. 2017/2018 Budget Schedule
  - 2. Fairgrounds Use Policy/Application
  - 2. County Property Inventory
  - 2. Audio/Video Upgrades Proposal
  - 2. Update on PSAP/911 Communications
  - 2. Road Sign Vandalism
  
- L. Public Comments—30 minutes

- L. County Manager Comments
- L. Commissioners Comments
- L. Adjourn

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, September 19, December 5, and December 19, 2016. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Susan Miles, Broker in charge from Miles reality gave a brief history of what DW and Barbra Miles have done for the County. She told how the family came around to become a reality company. She went over the employees from Miles Reality and some background of each. She went over their new web page and where they are located at 565 Main Street Sparta, NC.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin read the resolution honoring NAPCO's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and explained how great it is to have NAPCO in the county.

Rocky Profit thanked Jack Martin, John Miller and Bryan Edwards for their support over the years and told how they each helped NAPCO succeed.

Chair Evans opened the floor for Agenda comments. Seeing none he closed the section.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator went over the auto refunds.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the auto refunds. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the auto releases.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the auto releases. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the auto refunds from the old system.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the auto refunds from the old system. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the auto releases from the old system.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the tax collection report, enforced collection report, payment agreements, and went on to explain the request for releases of solid waste fee. She explained the house is at 658 Cox Run Road the taxes are up to date and that there is no power in the house.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked if she had a recommendation.

Rita Miller stated it was her recommendation to approve the release for the residential solid waste fee.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the release of the residential solid waste fee. Commissioner Smith. Vote 5:0

Nick Hawks explained he was asking for approval for an employment grant for a domestic abuse officer. He explained the grant would be received for the third year and it would cover two full time positions and \$1,500 of a part time victim advocate with \$6,500 from the Sheriff's 17/18 budget. He informed the Board that the money comes from the NC Governor's Crime Commission.

Chair Evans asked if anything was being done proactively.

Nick Hawks, said they worked very closely with DANA (Domestic Abuse is Not Allowed)

Chair Evans asked if they would need extra money in their budget to provide the proactive approach.

Nick Hawks stated no that the grant included \$1,500 for a part time victim advocate and DANA was a not for profit organization they worked with.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pursue the grant. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if the \$6,500 was for each deputy.

Nick Hawks said no it was just one amount of \$6,500 to be absorbed by the Sheriff's 17/18 budget.

Bryan Maines, Sheriff went over his annual report and explained some of the new things being proactive as well as the grants that have received over last year.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked what the school security checks involved.

Bryan Maines said it was mostly to just have a presence in the school and be around for the students to understand that they were there for their benefit.

Chair Evans thanked Sheriff Maines for his report.

Karen Bell president of the Rotary club went over all the things the club is doing in the County and how they affect the County.

Megan Wagoner explained the Community Service Block Grant and a background of the work the BROCC office does.

Commissioner Prince asked if they did anything with school children.

Megan Wagoner said yes, but mostly focused on families, but included there is work done with individuals as well.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Community Block Grant. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James went over the authorized check signing policy he and the Finance Office wanted to put into place.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to approve the authorized check signing policy. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager went over budget amendment # 6 for the additional cleaning at the new library.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve budget amendment #6. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James went over the budget schedule for the upcoming budget season.

Commissioner John Irwin voiced his concerns with the way things are currently being ran for fairgrounds. He asked questions about the procedures of renting as well as the establishment of the Lions Club and the concession stands.

Jim Brown, Recreation Director was there to answer many of Commissioner John Irwin's questions about the procedure and to go over his revised Fairgrounds application for usage.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Fairgrounds Applications and table the policy and procedures. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James went over the audio and visual update proposals for the Board room.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked what the source would be for the fund or if it would be a budget addition.

County Manager Mike James said it would have to be an addition to the budget if they wanted it completed immediately or it could be added into the budget for next fiscal year if they wanted to wait. He went on to say that the E-911 purchasing would happen by mid-February. He then went over recent road sign vandalism and some new leads the County has to track down.

Chair Evans stated that the road signs are vital to the emergency services.

Commissioner Smith said it was hurting people's businesses.

Josh Green, Public Works Director explained his need for a new truck at the Transfer Facility. He went on to say that he had found one over in Galax that would do the job for \$6,500.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the money for the purchase a truck at the Transfer Facility. Commissioner Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Evans opened the public comments section.

Harry Jones, said he had a concern charging 20% to VFD for the use of the fairgrounds and said he felt like they were missing an opportunity while not charging for parking.

Commissioner Prince said he felt like the Board needed to pursue the sign issue.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he had been to his first health department meeting. He said it was a learning experience and was looking forward to learning.

Chair Evans mentioned said he wanted to mention the Budget retreat coming up and then went over the sales tax revenue for the year to date.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans  
Chair