



Alleghany County Board of Commissioners

1-8-18 Minutes

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 8th, 2018, at 6:30 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Mark Evans called the meeting to order led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Tom Smith gave the invocation.

Chair Mark Evans explained they needed to add a closed session to the agenda under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) Economic Development and (a)(5)(i) Acquisition of Real Property.

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

AGENDA

Monday, January 8th, 2017

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for January 8th, 2017 Meeting
Motion on Meeting Minutes 11/9, 11/14 and 11/15
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business, Logan Oliver, Oliver Eye Care
- B. 6:45 Public Agenda Comments
- C. 7:00 Wendy Williams, Mapping/E911 (Page 1-5)
 - 1. Public Hearing for Weaver Ridge Drive
- D. 7:15 Senate Bill 155 (Page 6)
 - 1. Public Hearing for local “Brunch Bill”
 - 2. Board Discussion
- E. 7:30 Nick Hawks, Chief Deputy (Page 7-12)
 - 1. DWI Equipment Presentation
- F. **Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Approval of Weaver Ridge Drive (Page 1-5)
 - 2. Local “Brunch Bill” Ordinance (Page 6)
 - 3. Hazard Mitigation Resolution (Page 13-15)
 - 4. Updated Rules and Procedures (Page 16-25)
 - 5. General fund budget amendment # 12 in the amount of \$162,750 (Page 26)
 - 6. Sheriff’s Office - Equipment Grant Approval
 - 7. Sheriff’s Office – Domestic Violence Grant Approval
 - 8. Sheriff’s Office - Position Transfer
- G. General Business
- H. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- I. County Manager Comments
 - 1. Maintenance garage open house Friday 1/19/2018 at Noon
 - 2. Tax foreclosure sales Tuesday 1/16/2018 at 11am
 - 3. Update on Beemer/Edwards property
- J. Commissioners Comments

K. Adjourn

Commissioner Bobby Irwin noted there was one change in the minutes from 11/14 that he would like it to be clear that he objected to the discussion of a closed session.

Commissioner Tom Smith approve minutes with recommendation from Commissioner Bobby Irwin. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Logan Oliver gave a brief history of the practice. He then went over the recent expansion of the business, current services and the technological advancements that the expansion allowed. He noted a few of the struggles in his business, but said he felt very prepared out of school to run the practice and enjoyed the two different aspects of his business. He noted they were accepting new patients.

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor to public agenda comments. Seeing none he closed that section.

County Manager Mike James explained a road name change request.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for Weaver Ridge Drive. Seeing no one he closed that section.

County Manager Mike James explained the Senate Bill 155 “Brunch Bill” and how it would affect county businesses.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing regarding the “Brunch Bill” seeing no one he closed that section.

Sheriff Bryan Main explained an initiative of his was to have a “Safety Day” to help show citizens how dangerous it was to text and drive or drink and drive. He showed a brief video clip of the activity that he had demonstrated at Alleghany High School with the use of equipment borrowed from another county.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Chair Evans stated he would like to remove the “Brunch Bill” and vote on it separately.

Commissioner John Irwin Modified his motion to remove the “Brunch Bill” from the consent agenda. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the brunch bill. Commissioner Smith seconded. Vote 4:1(Chair Mark Evans)

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

County Manager Mike James noted the county maintenance shop open house would be January 19th. He went on to note that 92% of the work was completed with local vendors. Next, he went over the tax foreclosure sales for next week. He then gave an update on the Beemer/Edwards property and the latest upset bid. He noted that upset would be up on January 16th by 5 pm. Next, he went over the upcoming planning board meeting for January 10th. He informed the public that the Veterans Service Office would be closing at noon on January 17th due to State mandatory training. He went over some yearend information from the Appalachian Health.

Chair Mark Evans said he wanted a list of committees and board the commissioners appoint positions to. Next, he said more information on the rock wall at the courthouse would be at an upcoming meeting so the board can look at their options. He went on to note that the regional NCACC meeting would be on April 5th in Yadkinville. He then explained to the citizens that filling for open county commissioner seat would begin on

February 12 though the end of the month. He encouraged people to come to meetings or reach out to any of the current commissioners if they had any questions.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin was curious about the welding and culinary programs and the timeline of that at Wilkes Community College. He noted he would like an update from the trustees. He noted Jerry Duncan of Sparta who use to play for Alabama. He thanked all the fire departments for their hard work with all the resent fires.

Commissioner Tom Smith encouraged citizens to file for public office.

Commissioner Larry Prince suggested forming a committee to look at more options for the courthouse. He asked about the volunteer openings being posted and noted he would like to get back on the beautification ordinance.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked the fire and emergency services over the past week during this cold snap. He too encouraged citizen to file for public office.

Chair Mark Evans invited anyone interested to come and talk with some of the commissioners. Commissioner John Irwin

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to enter into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) Economic Development and (a)(5)(i) Acquisition of Real Property. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans called the board back to regular session and stated that no decisions were made in closed session.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair of the Board