The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 16th, 2017, at 10 am 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 Linke.

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

AGENDA
Monday, October 16th, 2017
10:00 am

10:00 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for October 16th, 2017 Meeting

A. 10:05 Spotlight Business, Martin Auto Repair & Exhaust Kerrie Martin

B. 10:15 Public Agenda Comments

C. 10:30 Lesley Cornett, DANA Director
Re: Resolution in support of Domestic Abuse Awareness month.

D. 10:40 Rita Miller, Tax Administrator – (Page 2-8)
1. Auto Refunds - VTS System - Action Requested
2. Auto Releases - Old & Gap System
3. Auto Refunds - Old & Gap
4. Real Releases - Action Requested
5. Real Refunds - Action Requested
6. Tax Collection Report
7. Enforced Collection Report
8. Payment Agreement Report

E. 10:50 Travis Dalton, County Planner – (Page 9-17)
Re: Crestview Mountain Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval - Action Requested

F. 11:00 Shane Atwood & Chelsey Hash, DSS
Re: Adult Protective Services Presentation

G. General Business
1. General fund budget amendment #4 to budget for architect fees for Sparta Elementary School in the amount of $36,914. (Page 18-19)
2. General fund budget amendment #5 to budget for beautification ordinance advertising. (Page 20)
3. Final act of Old Gap Road Closure (Page 21-24)
4. Unsolicited Offers on Beamer Property (Page 25-35)

H. Public Comments – 30 minutes
I. County Manager Comments
1. Set date for retreat
2. Courthouse update

J. Commissioners Comments
K. Adjourn

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

Chair Mark Evans explained a consent agenda and the mock consent agenda for the day.

Kerrie Martin of Martin Auto Repair and Exhaust, explained his new business in Sparta. He went over all the services they provide and the business hours.

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public agenda comments. Seeing no one he closed that section of the meeting.

Lee Cornett explained a few services that DANA provides. She then went on to read the proclamation declaring October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Alleghany County.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator went over September's vehicle tax system refund.

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

Next Rita Miller went over the auto releases. Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the auto releases. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller then went over the real property releases. Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the real property releases. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the real property refunds. Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the real property refunds. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

To conclude Rita Miller went over the tax collection report, enforcement collection report, and payment agreement report.

Travis Dalton, County Planner went over the preliminary plat approval and explained what will be needed from the DOT before they would come back for the final plat approval for a subdivision.

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

Shane Atwood, from Social Services specializes in adult protective services. He went over the process of the adult protective services and time frames for the process.

Chair Mark Evans called for a recess at 11:02. Chair Mark Evans call the meeting back in session at 11:10 am.

County Manager Mike James explained the general fund budget amendment #4 budgeting for architect fees for Sparta Elementary School project in the amount of $36,914.

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

County Manager Mike James explained general fund budget amendment #5 to budget for beautification ordinance advertising in the amount of $1,500.
Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve general fund budget amendment # 5. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the final papers to be signed stating that everything was completed by the Board for the closure of Old Gap Road.

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

County Manager Mike James explained the two offers for the Beamer property. He recommended for the board to conditionally accept the offer and enter the upset bid process. The upset bid must be 5% of the last bid plus $100. The Board discussed the restrictions.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to proceed with the recommendation of the County Manager to enter the upset bid process. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public comments see no one he closed that section of the meeting.

County Manager Mike James went over the courthouse expansion and an upcoming meeting with the judges to further discuss the expansion. The Board discussed some different issues about the drawings.

The Board then discussed dates for a Commissioners Retreat. They decided on November 14th and 15th starting at 9 am, but are still checking on a location.

County Manager Mike James reminded the Board about the Court of Appeals on October 24th as well as lunch with some representatives from NCACC. He went on to say that the municipal election would take place on Tuesday November 7th. Next, he shared a success story from the veteran’s service office and extended his gratitude to Kenneth Vaughn the counties Veterans Services Officer for his commendable work. He noted there will be a public hearing in December for the renumbering of Ballpark Road and then shared that the new finance software implementation was going very well and noted he had now been on the job a full year.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin stated he would like an update on the projects at the fairgrounds. He then asked about the transfer facility meeting and what came from it. County Manager, Mike James said they would have a full recommendation to the Board in a couple months.

Commissioner John Irwin asked what the status was on the County and Town event sign.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully Submitted, Attest:

Lauren Linker Mark Evans
Clerk to the Board Chair of the Board