

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 3:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Vice-Chair Randy Miller was present but arrived late.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Steve Roten led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that item C needs to be deleted from the agenda.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda for this October 19, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA
Monday, October 19, 2009
3:30 PM

- 3:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for October 19, 2009, meeting
Motion on Minutes for October 5, 2009, meeting
Motion on September Tax Releases and Refunds
- 3:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Ned Fowler
RE: Northwestern Regional Housing Authority Annual Report and Reappointment
C. June Pilley (deleted)
RE: Cats on Parkway Lane
D. Dan Biggins
RE: Green Energy Solutions
E. EMS Annual Report
F. Library Annual Report
G. County Business
1. EMS Building—Interior Bids
2. Rural Center Resolution
3. 911 Upgrade Budget Amendments
4. Other Business
5. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4)—economic development
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel
6. Adjourn

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the real refunds and releases for September. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the auto refunds and releases for September. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson opened the public comments portion of the meeting. He asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Randy Miller arrived at 3:35pm.

Ned Fowler with Northwestern Regional Housing Authority came before the Board to present a report regarding housing in the region. He talked about how they work to find housing for people in the region. He gave the Board a copy of their annual report including the annual program expenditures by county and the number of people assisted in Allegheny County. He explained that he recently signed paperwork for housing needs in the region. He further explained how these funds will benefit Allegheny County's people. He talked about the State law regarding appointments to the Housing Authority. He further talked about Leo Tompkins and his accomplishments with the Authority on behalf of Allegheny County. He said that Mr. Tompkins needs to be reappointed to the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority, if the Board wishes to do so.

Leo Tompkins stated his appreciation for the Board's support for his appointments on this Authority. He thanked each Board member and the County Manager for their concern and efforts for Glade Creek Elementary School.

Chair Ken Richardson thanked Ned Fowler and the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority for their efforts with housing in Allegheny County.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Leo Tompkins to the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Dan Biggins came before the Board to talk about he has recently become involved with Vanir Energy. He talked about this company will come in to install and finance a solar unit for heating water and/or heating/air. He further talked about working on the Jail to see if the facility qualifies for the systems. He explained that he is also looking at the Courthouse to see if any money can be saved for that heating/air. He further explained that the warranty is for 30 years. He said that they are in the process of talking to the schools. He explained solar costs versus propane. He described their project at Allegheny Inn. He talked about renewable energy tax credits. He reviewed how the system works and how the process has been started at the Jail and the Courthouse.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Dan Biggins talked about the renewable tax credits.

Chair Ken Richardson encouraged Mr. Biggins to continue working on the projects with the County Manager and come back to the Board when proposals are ready.

Linda Edwards, EMS Administrative Supervisor, came before the Board to present the annual EMS report. She thanked the Board regarding their activities regarding the fire damage. She provided an update to the Board about replacing the equipment that was lost in the fire. She talked about trainings attended by EMS personnel including the RSI training and recently received approval for the EMS System Plan and newly adopted protocols. She further talked about feedback and suggestions received to allow EMS to improve response times and patient care. She presented information regarding their response time for calls, number of calls last year and the number of loaded-patient miles.

Chair Ken Richardson and Linda Edwards talked about the revenues for EMS. She stated she is comfortable with the revenues at this point.

Debbie Brewer with the Allegheny County Library presented the Library's annual report describing the number of participates and the computer usage during the last year. She talked about how the regional library system has grown and the benefits for the people in Allegheny County. She reviewed the number of adult patrons and juvenile patrons and the number of people coming to the library. She explained the information in the handouts that she provided to each Board member regarding the library's activities during the year.

Chair Ken Richardson and Debbie Brewer talked about the library board meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend to find out what is

going on at the library.

County Manager Don Adams discussed an updated version about the EMS building's interior bids in the amount of \$158,557. He said he is still working with the insurance company about how much the insurance company will be providing. He reviewed the estimates for the EMS building; Frank Dillard & Sons \$143,137, Fire Alarm system \$8,800, Asbestos testing \$120 and fixtures \$6,500. He talked about he held a meeting with the insurance company and the subcontractors. He reviewed the price for the building and the cost to the County is \$36,159 at this point. He explained that he just now received the insurance company's final number is \$137,196, which will make the County's cost less. He said that he is requesting to formally award the interior bid to Frank Dillard and the alarm system to Carpenter Electric. He explained that he will bring a project ordinance soon.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to award the two bids; interior to Frank Dillard & Sons and fire alarm system to Carpenter Electric for the EMS building. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a resolution for the Rural Center for the grant application for the water/sewer needs at Glade Creek Elementary School. He read the resolution.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #6 in the amount of \$8,043 for the 911 contract. He explained that this for the NetClock.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #6 in the amount of \$8,043. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of \$205,566 and #2 in the amount of \$47,660 for the 911 system. He reminded the Board that these 911 system items were discussed and approved at the last meeting.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve budget amendment E911 Fund #1 in the amount of \$205,566 and #2 in the amount of \$47,660. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams updated the Board about the track loader at the Transfer Facility has broken down, will have to have a new motor and more information will come up at the next meeting. He explained that Larry Davis is gathering prices for the engine. He further explained that it was purchased in 1985 and rebuilt in 1992. He talked about what the track loader is used for and how often it is used.

Commissioner Milly Richardson said that a lady approached her stating that it would be nice to have recycling centers at the fire departments, and she told her that the Board would keep it in mind.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to go into closed session at 4:20pm under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4)—economic development and (a) (6)—personnel. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to adjourn closed session at 4:52pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson stated no decisions were made during closed session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 4:54pm. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman