

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2011, at 10:00am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

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

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

Chair Richardson talked about adding Item 10 under General Business about a Department of Transportation (DOT) letter.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda for this November 21, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA  
Monday, November 21, 2011  
10:00 AM

- 10:00 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer  
Motion on Agenda for November 21, 2011, meeting  
Motion on Minutes for November 7, 2011, meeting
- 10:05 A. Public Comments—30 minutes  
B. Rita Miller  
RE: October Releases and Refunds  
October Collections Report
- C. Peter Collins  
RE: Discovery Tax Appeal
- D. Martin Starnes and Associates  
RE: FY 2010/11 Audit Report
- E. General Business  
1. Reminder of December 12, 2011, Meeting  
2. Regional Bike Plan Committee Appointments  
3. Tourism Development Authority Appointments  
4. Transfer Facility Scales Use Policy  
5. Proposed Veterinary Recruitment Contract  
6. MCNC Easement Request  
7. Public Information Request Discussions  
8. Criminal Justice Partnership Program Contract Amendment  
9. Budget Amendment—New River Service Authority  
10. DOT Letter (added)
- F. Commissioners Business  
1. Smoky Mountain Center Resolution—Chair Richardson
- G. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4)—economic development
- H. Adjourn

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 7, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson opened the public comments' portion of the meeting and asked for public comments.

Dennis Smith talked about at the last Commissioners' meeting he mentioned that Chair Richardson was invited to a conference at the Pinehurst Resort on December 5, 6, and 7, and since he cancelled the December 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting it appears that he has accepted that invitation. He explained that the conference is hosted by the NC Council and the purpose of the NC Council in relation to LMEs. He talked about they hold their yearly conference at one of the most expensive places and asked who is paying for the conference; sponsors and exhibitors. He further talked about the conference and the benefits of the conference including spa treatments and golf courses. He named people that have attended the conference over the years but he hasn't seen anything in the news about the conference. He said that he hopes the next time Smoky Mountain Center (SMC) asks for anything; this Board will remember the Pinehurst conference. He reiterated comments from the last meeting about the removal of the Chairman from the NR board. He stated that Ken Richardson didn't apologize, and it should be clear that there is a conflict of interest with the Chairman and New River Behavioral Healthcare. He said that the obvious answer is to follow the Chairman's advice as related to the library boards and put Commissioner Cox on the SMC board. He further said that it appears the Chair has a

grudge about his removal from NR and that should be enough to remove him much less he withheld information about NR that could have spared the County of the financials issues. He talked about Ann Wilson's comments about loses were greater than first thought, quickly developed a new business plan and working with NR. He further talked about if there was more time NR might have been saved. He asked if the Chair's actions are ethical. He read a portion of the Alleghany County Code of Ethics. He asked the Board to decide if Ken Richardson's actions related to the death of NR are inappropriate and if withholding information from this Board violates the Code of Ethics. He said to instill the public confidence in this Board he asked that the Commissioners as a Board investigate the role the Ken Richardson had in the death of NR. He read a prayer that was offered in the US Senate.

Chair Richardson asked for additional public comments.

Brandon Hawks addressed a comment where Ken Richardson asked Billy West about whether Daymark is a public or private enterprise, Billy West replied that they are a non-profit agency. He said that he thinks Ken Richardson's comments were indirectly towards him because he was talking about free enterprise at that meeting. He explained New River was created as a public-for-private use. He talked about a book that the title alone speaks volume and is simple but yet we see it everyday. He said that the Chair and Commissioners act because of it including the policies passed and the boards Commissioners set on. He asked what do people do when bad policies are made; react, which is human action. He displayed the book Human Action. He talked about the contents of the book and how it applies to everyday situations and how it applies to New River and Smoky Mountain Center. He further talked about naturally the taxpayer has to foot the bill. He said he isn't cold hearted; the employees worked their time and deserved to be paid. He talked about capitalization. He further talked about we have a replacement for New River; Daymark. He said that we are doing the same thing but expecting different results. He quoted Robert Barrens. He said that if he were on the Board today he would not or could not vote to be involved in any interlocal agreements or any 160A agreements.

Chris Huysman explained he has purchased property for \$14,000 rather than the \$19,000 that the tax office has the property being sold for. He asked that this be looked into.

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

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, came before the Board to present the October auto releases and refunds.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the October auto releases and refunds. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the October real property releases and refunds.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the October real property releases and refunds. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the October 2011 collections' report.

Rita Miller talked about the combined tax/tag renewal going live in January 2013. She explained how this will work and that there will be costs associated with the changeover. She talked about things the State is suggesting to work on now in collections. She explained that the tag block will no longer be there. She talked about they encouraged tax offices to work on public relations for the changeover.

Chair Richardson and Rita Miller talked about the collection rates. They further talked about the motor-vehicle tax bill changes.

Commissioner Roten and Rita Miller talked about in the future people can't get their tag until they pay their taxes.

Commissioner Smith and Rita Miller talked about the public relations is to get information about the changes to the people because they will pay their taxes when they get their tags.

Peter Collins came before the Board about a tax problem. He explained that he lives in Dallas, purchased property in Roaring Gap, discovery of taxes due letter received from Rita Miller dated October 28, letter received from Rita Miller on November 4 with additional information, revaluation company didn't pick up the structure, the building permit was issued to Shaw Brothers, and a certificate of occupancy was issued on November 29, 2006. He provided information to the Board about Rita Miller's letter and his timeline. He reviewed the first letter about the discovery, and read a portion on the second letter. He further reviewed the timeline; purchased property in April 2004, issued building permit in April 2005, water line installed and construction began on May 3, 2005. He continued down the

timeline; on January 24, 2006, notation in the file to flag for new construction, notation should have occurred but didn't, November 29, 2006, Building Inspection department issued a certificate of occupancy for 708 Devotion Ridge Road. He said that Shaw Brothers did what they were supposed to, and he did what every person would do, he paid his taxes in a timely manner but did not know that it wasn't the entire thing. He said he would be glad to pay the past-due taxes in one lump sum. He further said that he is asking for relief on all penalties because it seems unfair. He talked about a chart that Rita Miller sent him about how much money was spent from May 2005 until December 2005, which was 20% of the total costs of the house. He said that he is asked that the January 1, 2006, assessed value be 20% rather than 100%. He reiterated that those are the two things that he is asking for relief on, and he will pay his taxes but think it is unfair to pay the penalties because the error was not his.

Commissioner Roten said he would like to hear from the Tax Administrator, Rita Miller.

Rita Miller provided a packet of information to the Board. She explained that this information is what the Tax Office has regarding this situation. She reviewed the information in the packet. She further reviewed the discovery form and the property tax card. She explained that she contacted Chris McLaughlin at the School of Government and Michael Brown at the NC Department of Revenue. She further explained that they informed her that she had correctly applied the penalties and followed the correct procedures. She talked about she was referred to a recent Property Tax Commission case with similar circumstances where it was found in favor of that county.

Commissioner Roten asked how did this happen.

Rita Miller explained that this does not happen often but occasionally there is one that gets missed. She said there was a recent similar case on November 2, 2010 about a house in Piney Creek where the Board did not release it but did allow them time to pay the bill.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about that case was appealed to the Property Tax Commission and was dismissed.

Commissioner Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Rita Miller talked about the previous case in November 2010.

Commissioner Roten said he personally doesn't think people should have to pay for our errors.

Chair Richardson asked for an explanation of the process.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) 105-380 and explained that this is different, the County has the authority, has only had one case in the last six years and the Board did not release that one.

Peter Collins read NCGS 105-312 (k) about the power to compromise taxes. He reiterated that the Tax Office did nothing wrong; it was the third party contractor performing the revaluation. He explained how they did not do what they were supposed to do.

Chair Richardson asked Peter Collins why he should not pay the penalties. Peter Collins stated that there was no way for him to know that, and his assistant pays the taxes. Chair Richardson stated he is responsible for listing the improvements.

Rita Miller explained Alleghany County has a permanent listing system, and they advertise in the newspaper. Peter Collins asked where. Rita Miller answered the Alleghany News according to the NCGS. Peter Collins said he doesn't get the local paper.

Commissioner Roten explained that he should have known that the tax bill was only for the property.

County Attorney Donna Shumate explained a recent Property Tax Commission case with a very similar situation.

Peter Collins reiterated his appeal. He said that the taxes are owed but he thinks it is unfair to have to pay for something he didn't do.

Rita Miller explained that she can adjust the January 1, 2006, bill according to the percentage complete at that time.

Peter Collins and Rita Miller talked about the Tax Office uses the market value of the property.

Chair Richardson said the tax bill was the same for 2006 and 2007 even though the house was completed in 2006. Rita Miller agreed.

Peter Collins talked about 35% of the project was completed by January 1, 2006, and 20% of the money spent by January 1, 2006.

Chair Richardson and Rita Miller talked about allowing the change for the January 1, 2006, bill.

Chair Richardson said he can only speak for himself, but it is hard for him to deviate from a process and hard to grant this situation a privilege that he would not for another citizen.

Peter Collins said he understands. He further said that he can have Brian Shaw, Jay Shaw and Ed Adams to answer any questions the Commissioners have.

Chair Richardson asked Rita Miller if she could bring back the 20% amount for January 2006. He said he can't vote to release the penalties. Rita Miller explained that is the Tax Office has that authority.

Peter Collins showed the Board the form that Rita Miller asked him to complete. He said that is a more reasonable number than the 35%.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about the need to hear from the Tax Administrator about how the percentages are obtained.

Rita Miller explained how it was determined and to remember that this is viewed on a mass property valuation.

Ed Adams talked about penalties are applied for misconduct. He asked what the misconduct is.

Commissioner Smith and Rita Miller talked about the penalties, she did check to make sure correct procedures were followed and they were.

Commissioner Cox said he would like to hear from the Tax Office about using the 20% figure rather than the 35%. Rita Miller said she can certainly do that at the next meeting.

Chair Richardson talked about the information presented provides enough to paint a picture of the situation. He talked about the penalty is set by the State, not us.

Peter Collins talked about the amounts of the taxes and penalties. He said that reality is the revaluation company made the mistake not him or the Tax Office. He said he can come to the next meeting, if needed.

Chair Richardson said he believes that the County Attorney and Tax Administrator will provide Mr. Collins the information before the next meeting, and he can decide for himself about coming.

Commissioner Roten clarified that the value taxed was just the land amount. Rita Miller answered yes and she explained the land value.

Peter Collins and Commissioner Roten talked about information on the property record card.

Chair Richardson declared a brief recess at 11:07am.

Chris Cosner with Martin Starnes and Associates presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2010/11 audit including the financial statement overview, independent auditors' report, management's discussion and analysis, exhibits A and B—statement of net assets, statements of activities, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, supplementary information, compliance reports, audit highlights, fund balance, fund balance position, available fund balance as a percent of expenditures.

County Manager Don Adams explained that he has always brought before the Board the actual cash position of the General Fund. He further explained that you have to take about \$45,000 for the Register of Deeds Fund, which leaves about \$2,055,000, which is about \$75,000 better than the projections. He talked about the stabilization by State statutes cannot be obtained until the audit is complete. He further talked about the amount of cash on hand. He said 15.83% is how Allegheny County is compared regionally but after putting back the stabilization monies it is 18-19%.

Chris Cosner continued reviewing the PowerPoint presentation. He talked about the next slides are the major classes of revenues; ad valorem taxes, restricted intergovernmental revenues, other taxes and licenses.

County Manager Don Adams talked about ad valorem taxes is all of the taxes. He explained that a lot of the difference is prior year taxes. He further explained that the other taxes are primarily sales taxes.

Chris Cosner continued reviewing the PowerPoint presentation. He talked about the expenses; public safety, education, general government, debt service. He explained that there is detailed information in the notes in the audit. He reviewed the other governmental funds and the enterprise fund.

County Manager Don Adams explained that the Commissioners previously reduced rates at the Transfer Facility, will look at the numbers at the end of this fiscal year and the Board may be in a position to lower some rates.

Chris Cosner talked about current state/local conditions. He stated their appreciation to Don Adams and Joy Hines. He asked is there any questions.

County Manager Don Adams asked for Chris Cosner to explain actually what an audit is.

Chris Cosner explained the different processes of an audit. He said that an audit is designed to ensure that the financials are materially correct. He talked about the primary purpose is for an independent individual opinion. He explained the test work that they perform. He further explained a CPA's report is primarily the same but without the auditors' opinion and the CPA review is less in scope than an audit.

County Manager Don Adams talked about auditors give an opinion about the financials.

Chris Cosner talked about they look at the internal controls, policies, procedures in place which dictates how much more is needed. He stated that they do testing of the controls and issue a report. He further stated that doesn't mean that they look at everything.

County Manager Don Adams and Chris Cosner talked about reviewing larger departments. The County Manager provided an example of last year they made changes to the way the canteen is handled. They talked about within a two-three year period they review everything.

County Manager Don Adams reminded everyone that the next meeting is on Monday, December 12 at 6:30pm, and this is the organizational meeting.

County Manager Don Adams talked about Phil Trew came before the Board about a High Country regional bike plan. He explained that he asked if any Commissioners were interested in being on the regional bike plan committee. He said that it is his recommendation to have a County Commissioner, a bicyclist and Kevin Dowell.

Commissioner Cox said that he has an interest and would like to be involved in a bike plan. He further said that names were submitted. He stated that his understanding is that this is 2 years with meetings every other month.

Commissioner Cox and the County Manager talked about the County Manager suggested Kevin Dowell. Commissioner Cox talked about his interests and Jim Smith is also interested.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve Larry Cox, Kevin Dowell and Jim Smith to serve on the regional bike plan committee. Chair Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Tourism Development Authority. He updated the Board about the phone calls that were made and the results of the calls.

Commissioner Roten said that the Commissioners have to select two that are involved in the collections of the tax. County Manager Don Adams and Commissioner Cox agreed.

County Manager Don Adams stated that out of the three papers turned in the two involved in collection are on all three lists but have differences after that.

Chair Richardson talked about the two Commissioners that haven't turned in paper go ahead and submit them so the County Manager can include those in the ranking of the nominees. He explained it would still take a motion for approval.

Commissioner Roten said he can support anyone on the list. He further said that he would like to see us have some representative; him or any other Commissioner.

Chair Richardson asked is that in the form of a motion.

Commissioner Roten stated it was just a suggestion.

Commissioner Goudreau asked the County Attorney for a point of clarification about a conflict of interest of serving on this board.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that she doesn't see it as a direct conflict, no more than the other boards that the Commissioners are appointed on.

County Manager Don Adams asked the Board to declare a brief recess so he can tally the nominees.

Chair Richardson declared a brief recess at 12:01pm.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the results of the tally for the Tourism Development Authority (TDA); Jim Connor, Jim Kilmartin, Joe Edwards, John Goudreau, Charlie Scott. The Clerk pointed out that the tally sheets must be attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Roten asked about having an alternate.

Chair Richardson talked about the term is for one year.

County Manager Don Adams said the next person would be either Amy Lucas or Mary Teague.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve Jim Connor, Jim Kilmartin, Joe Edwards, John Goudreau, and Charlie Scott to serve on the TDA. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the TDA will meet and come back with a recommendation for the Chairman to be submitted to the County Commissioners.

Chair Richardson and the County Manager stated that the effective date of the ordinance is December 1, 2011. The Manager explained the process to move forward including setting up the TDA and their budget.

Jim Connor asked if there is no Chair who will call the meeting.

County Manager Don Adams answered it would be the County Finance Officer. He said that he will have Karen Evans to call everyone and get everything going.

Commissioner Smith talked about the gentleman appointed to the regional bike plan earlier in the meeting, and he knows him. He said he doesn't know if he should have voted or not.

County Attorney Donna Shumate answered Commissioner Smith doesn't have any direct benefit from the appointment.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Transfer Facility scales. He talked about action at the last meeting of temporarily charging \$2 to use the scales. He reviewed the results of his research about what other scale places charge; Blan Bottomley nothing, Cardinal Stone \$2 and Carl Rose \$5. He asked does the Board want to change the fee or leave it at \$2.

Commissioner Cox asked if the use is seasonal.

County Manager Don Adams talked about different uses of the scales throughout the year.

Commissioner Roten asked are we giving them a receipt.

County Manager Don Adams answered yes procedures are in place.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to leave the fee at \$2. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a veterinary recruitment agreement for Karen Wilson that is employed at Twin Oaks. He explained that this is the same as the agreement Alleghany County

has with Jessica Cremeans, which ends June 30, 2012. He further explained that she is from here, went to school to become a vet then came back here to work. He reviewed the terms of the agreement; 48 months, \$434 per month, payments will go to her student loans, if not working at Twin Oaks then the agreement doesn't apply, and she must work on large animals.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the MCNC easement request for a utility easement for a fiber optic hut on the property at Wilkes Community College (WCC). He explained that this is a not-for profit entity and their purpose is to provide broadband services to K-12 students and WCC. He explained in the past the Board has heard from the schools about the possibility of losing their e-rate reimbursements which could be six figure numbers. He further explained that this dramatically reduces the costs to the State, lowers the costs of the bandwidth for K-12/WCC, and the caveats in the agreement. He talked about the easement language is the initial line will be splitting the lower parking lot and if that line is in the way of the County later, they will move it at their expense. He reiterated that this is an easement for fiber and a fiber hut.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the utility easement. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smith asked the County Attorney if she has reviewed this. She answered yes.

County Manager Don Adams stated no overhead lines will be installed.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about public information requests, explained that every two years the public information requests increase due to the elections, he will help people to get the information that they are wanting. He explained that the public records law is to provide information that is already generated. He reviewed some of the information that people asks for. He explained that if people list the dates of information that is wanted then it is very easy to go to the Finance Office to get the information. He further explained that the real problem is when we are asked to generate reports. He stated that he tries to work with the citizens to get what they want. He talked about he has been asked twice about this same request. He said he doesn't have it and it doesn't exist. He explained that the request is for a list of all of the boards that the Commissioners, County Manager and County Attorney serve on whether they are appointed by the Commissioners or not and to list out any compensation and/or any other benefits. He talked about other than the boards that the Commissioners vote on, he doesn't know how many other boards the Commissioners serve on, and he doesn't know the answer about compensation other than monies that go through the County Finance Office like Social Services and Board of Elections. He said he doesn't know about New River, the LME, regional library board; they are their own entity and are open to the public records law. He said he doesn't want to sound like he is not trying to help the citizens but he doesn't think it falls to Allegheny County to create it. He further said if the Commissioners direct him to generate the list, he will by beginning with requesting each Commissioner to provide him a list of the boards they serve on. He said this is boards outside what is related to the county. He said he doesn't mind people knowing the boards he sits on by attending meeting after work hours or during lunch but one part of him says that's not in the scope of his job. He said he wants to help the citizens but the record has to exist in some form. He talked about the general requests are simple but he is reluctant to use county time to create a list that doesn't exist which is above the requirements of the public records law.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that the Commissioners are not required to provide any information about boards that they serve on that isn't in the capability of a county commissioner. She talked about if this Board makes the appointment or if a Commissioner is on a board because of being a Commissioner that is public record but what the Commissioners do on their own time or if the Commissioners serve on a church board that doesn't have be disclosed because it is out of the scope of being a County Commissioner. She said that the Commissioners do not have to disclose that is beyond the public records law.

County Manager Don Adams said he wanted everyone to be aware of the law's language, and he will help people get the information they need if they will talk to him. He reiterated that he is reluctant to create a list.

Commissioner Cox stated that he has no problem about the five boards the Commissioners appointed to him to.

Commissioner Goudreau said the list of those boards is available.

Chair Richardson asked does the Board have any problems with what the County Manager has said.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Cox said no.

Commissioner Roten said we have to comply with the law. He further said he only serves on the boards that this Board has appointed him on. He stated that he doesn't receive any compensation for any of his boards.

Commissioner Smith said he doesn't either.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) contract with New River. He explained that the CJPP program will no longer exist as of June 30, 2012, because the monies will go through the State. He talked about the CJPP services that are needed. He asked does the Board want to extend the contract with Daymark to continue CJPP until June 30, 2012. He reviewed the current CJPP board and members. He updated the Board about the recent CJPP meeting. He talked about a list of equipment that is known to be purchased with CJPP funds. He explained that this equipment will be turned over to the County when CJPP doesn't exist. He said his question is does it cease existence now or June 30, 2012. He said that the CJPP Board is requesting approval for the contract between Alleghany County and Daymark for CJPP services until June 30, 2012.

Chair Richardson asked how this property will be kept up with.

County Manager Don Adams said he will send someone to put tags on the property. He explained that there are several things on this list that the County will want and will use.

Commissioner Smith and County Manager Don Adams talked about tagging the property, the process of tagging the property and New River's inventory threshold of \$500.

Commissioner Cox said there are things on the list less than \$500.

Chair Richardson asked what action is needed.

County Manager Don Adams talked about if the Board wants to continue the CJPP program then the need to extend the contract.

Commissioner Goudreau asked was there a conversation about opening it up to other people.

County Manager Don Adams answered no.

Commissioner Roten said yes but this is for continuation of services and this is for a partial year.

County Manager Don Adams explained the last time a RFP was released and local businesses couldn't provide all of the services.

Commissioner Goudreau and County Manager Don Adams talked about the amount is the same as it was with New River.

Commissioner Cox talked about this ends June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Goudreau asked does Daymark have the certifications to continue.

County Manager Don Adams answered as far as he knows.

Commissioner Roten explained that they told the CJPP board the same people that did it before will be doing it now.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented proposed budget amendment General Fund #15 in the amount of \$20,156 for NRSA loan. He explained also included is the future advance deed of trust note for this amount, which shows the total amount of obligations is \$252,892 if the board approves this request. He reviewed the amounts for the other counties. He explained that this will get New River through January and the importance of keeping things going through January to allow Martin Starnes and Associates to complete the audit. He reiterated that these monies should get them thru January.

Commissioner Cox talked about actions at their last meeting; reduced employees from 10 to 4, named the positions left, previous actions to lease the vehicles but they backed up on that and decided to sale the vehicles.

County Manager Don Adams explained that Daymark had held the lease, reasons for New River (NR) was to continue services and second was since the vehicles are titled to NR, if it's learned that the vehicles were purchased with LME money, then they will deal with it then.

Commissioner Roten asked about the way the vehicles will be sold.

County Manager Don Adams stated he will let the Board know more information about the sale of the vehicles once he knows more. He said he will share it with the newspaper, too.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #15 in the amount of \$20,156. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:1 (John Goudreau).

Commissioner Cox talked about the deed of trust was approved Friday

County Manager Don Adams agreed.

County Manager Don Adams presented a letter from NCDOT in regards to our driver's license office. He read the letter about the current location not accommodate their needs for their new driver license system. He reviewed his email reply to the letter. He reviewed what he has asked; hold a meeting, site specifications, site evaluation of the Sparta DMV office. He explained that he has received a phone call about setting up a meeting. He asked if a Commissioner or two would like to join him for the meeting. He talked about this is not a new conversation. He explained that this is a big deal for our community.

Commissioner Roten said this has been an issue ever since he has been back in Alleghany County.

Chair Richardson talked about trying to find a location that meets their needs, if that is the only reason.

County Manager Don Adams explained that is why he is setting up this initial meeting to learn answers to those questions.

Commissioner Smith said as of right now they are open.

County Manager Don Adams agreed.

Commissioner Smith asked are numbers available about how many people go to that office.

County Manager Don Adams said that is something he hopes to get from the meeting.

Commissioner Roten, Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Smith talked about days the office is currently open in Alleghany County.

Chair Richardson said he asked the Smoky Mountain Center resolution to be placed back on the agenda. He asked for a motion. No one spoke.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to enter into closed session at 1:09m under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4)—economic development. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn closed session at 1:46pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Being no further business, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn at 1:48pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Ken Richardson  
Chairman

# TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- ③ JOHN KILMARTIN
- ⑤ JIM CONNOR
- ① JOE EDWARDS
- ② CHARLIE SCOTT
- ④ JOHN GOODREAU

SUBMITTED BY:

Tom Smith

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

*J. Coy*

The following names have been submitted to be considered for the Tourism Development Authority.

- 2 Jim Connor
- Chris Davis
- ④ Joe Edwards
- John Goudreau
- Katee Hettleman
- ① John Kilmartin
- ~~② Amy Lucas (submitted 11-1-11)~~
- ~~③ Shirley Richardson~~
- ③ Charlie Scott
- 5 Mary Teague

Enclosed are copies of the submittal information and the resolution creating the Tourism Development Authority.

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- Joe Edwards - 4
- John Goudreau ✓ - 3
- Katee Hettleman ✓ - 4
- John Kilmartin ✓ - 5
- Amy Lucas (submitted 11-1-11) ✓ 2
- ~~Shirley Richardson~~
- Charlie Scott - 3
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Amy Lucas

Mary Terque

Joe Edwards

Ken

Richard

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