

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10:00am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Tom Smith, Vice-Chair Karen Leys, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Mike James, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered the Invocation.

Chair Smith mentioned a change to the Agenda, simply a different topic would be discussed by the Sheriff's Department.

With that change being made. Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the agenda for this November 21, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, November 21, 2016
10:00 AM

- 10:00 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for November 21, 2016, Meeting
Motion to Approve Minutes from June 22, June 23, and October 17, 2016
meeting
- 10:05 A. Spotlight Business, Parker Sales and Services Inc.
- 10:20 B. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator
1. October Releases and Refunds - Standard release and refund of both automobile and real property taxes due to reasons listed on the report. **Action Requested** – Vote on releases and refunds.
2. October Collections Report - Monthly 2016 collection rates compared to 2015 and 2014 monthly collection rates. **No Action Requested.**
3. Enforced Collections Report – Summarizes enforced collections for the month of October 2016. **No Action Requested.**
4. Payment Agreement Report - List of people with payment agreements who did not make payments. **No Action Requested.**
5. Request for Release of Residential Solid Waste Fee 9239 NC Hwy 18 N – **Action Requested** – Vote on the request.
6. Request for Release of Residential Solid Waste Fee 31 Doe Run– **Action Requested** – Vote on the request.
7. Motor Vehicle Appeal - **Action Requested** – Vote on the appeal.
- 10:30 C. Linda Hash, District Administrator/Conservationist
Re: Environmental Educational project at the Veterans Park.
Action Requested – Vote on Budget Amendment.
- 10:35 D. Bryan Maines, Sheriff
Re: To budget for donation received by Law Enforcement for purchasing/training a K9. **Action Requested** – Vote on Budget Amendment.
- E. Commissioner Recognition
F. Public Comments—30 minutes
G. County Manager Comments

H. Commissioners Comments

I. Adjourn

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2016 June 23, 2016 and October 17, 2016. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Spotlight Business Parker Sales, went over what the Company does they are an industrial textile company and what they produce, many different types of filters. The company was founded in 1952. They have 23 employees and have been fortunate to see about an 8% growth this year. They went on to explain more in-depth what some of their different products are that they brought to show.

Chair Smith stated it was an obvious success story and thanked them for coming in.

Commissioner Leys stated she was so glad to see this Company before them and hear about all of their successes. She said she remembered when the company first came to the County. She went on to say the company has come a long way since they first opened and thanked them for coming in to let the County know what they do.

Commissioner Irwin stated that the Parker Sales success story is a success story for the County and the Town. He went on to say if there was anything that they might need help with just to let the County know. He then asked about the sales force.

Parker Sales representative, Sam stated that it was all completed internally, either on the phone or their direct sales employees. He stated they do not use any type of manufacture representative or distribution chain, all the products go direct to the customer.

Commissioner Evans asked about looking towards expansion.

Sam said yes absolutely. He stated their biggest issue coming up though will be the employee base, having good quality employees.

Commissioner Davis thanked them for coming and added maybe they can grow and bring more jobs to the County.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, went over the vehicle tax refund report.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the refund. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the Auto Releases under old tax system.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the auto releases. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the auto refund under old tax system.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the auto refunds. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the real property releases and explained two large sums that were showing on the report.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the real property releases. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the real property refunds all overpayment of property tax.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the real property refunds. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller next went over the request for release of residential solid waste and the specifics of the house.

Commissioner Irwin asked what Rita's recommendation was for the property.

Rita Miller stated that she would not recommend releasing the fee based on all the guidelines and previous standards for solid releases.

Commissioner Evans said it looks like someone could move in tomorrow.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to deny the residential solid waste fee. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the request for release of residential solid waste fee she noted the State has condemned the property because there is not enough land to hold a septic system.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the motor vehicle appeal and her request is to change the value to \$500.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve recommendation for vehicle appeal. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Linda Hash, reviewed the forestry educational information project and the General Fund Budget Amendment #4 in the amount of \$500.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #4. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Nick Hawks, talked about two different radio systems that is being currently used by the Sheriff's Office. He stated that last year they were able to get a grant to buy radios that uses both of the radio systems called vipers. He went on to explain that he was wanting to pursue an additional grant to buy more of these radios for the County this year.

Commissioner Evans asked if the viper system was a long term fix for the County's lack of tower communication.

Sheriff Bryan Maines stated that it would not be a perfect fix to the communication problem, but it would help for now.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the pursuit of the grant \$24,500. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith recognized Commissioner Leys and Commissioner Davis with a plaque for their years of service as Commissioners.

Chair Smith opened the floor for Public comments. Seeing none he then closed that section of the meeting.

County Manager Mike James, thanked Commissioner Leys and Commissioner Davis for their service to the County. He then went over the jail audit and commended all the people that work so hard to keep things up to date. He went on to talk about the Library project and all the things going on to get finished up. He also wanted to get people thinking about what can be done with the current library building and the library annex building.

Commissioner Evans thanked Commissioner Leys and Commissioner Davis for their service. He then gave a quick update on his health.

Commissioner Irwin said he was glad to see Commissioner Evans back and on the mend. He then thanked Commissioner Davis for all his hard work for the County while he's served as a Commissioner as well as an employee. He went on to thank Commissioner Leys for her service and friendship.

Commissioner Davis said he enjoyed being a part of the County and has gotten to see so much be accomplished.

Commissioner Leys said she was so thankful to all the work Commissioner Davis has been a part of and thanked Chair Smith for his leadership through some rough times. She wanted to recognize some extraordinary people that she had gotten to know because of being a Commissioner: Karen Evans, Rita Miller and Lisa Osborne are all extraordinary at their jobs and wonderful people. She went on to recognize Becky Miller and Wes Starling at ADAP for their hard work and dedication to all they do, Beth Lovett, Angie Poole and Jennifer Green at health department for getting it back on track. She went on to wish everyone a happy holiday season and ended with kind words of wisdom.

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