



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 5th, 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 Drew Temple.

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

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 10/15 and 10/29. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, November 5, 2018

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 10/15 and 10/29 (pages 1-10)

- 6:35 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business** – Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care

- A. 6:50 **Public Agenda Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) specifically listed on this meeting's agenda. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.

- B. 7:00 **Presentations to the Board**
 - i. Jim Brown, Recreation Director – Disc golf course

- C. 7:10 **General Business**
 - i. TDA officer appointments (board action requested) (pages 11-18)
 - ii. Ag Advisory Board disclosure (board action requested) (page 19)

- D. 7:25 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. General Crimes and S/A Investigator position (pages 20-21)
 - ii. County Office Closings for Emergency Services Employees (page 22)
 - iii. Medicare Advantage plan for retirees (pages 23-29)
 - iv. General Fund budget amendment #12 in the amount of \$7,085 for software hosting services. (pages 30-31)
 - v. General Fund budget amendment #13 in the amount of \$6,988 for required OPEB report. (pages 32-33)
 - vi. General Fund budget amendment #14 in the amount of \$42,600 for license plate agency. (page 34)

- vii. General Fund budget amendment #15 in the amount of \$6,703 for WCC/Maintenance agreement. (page 35)
- viii. General Fund budget amendment #16 in the amount of \$2,016 for additional property/liability insurance. (pages 36-37)

E. 7:30 **Public Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) requiring the attention of the Commissioners. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.

F. 7:40 **County Manager Comments**

- i. Volunteer Fire Departments storm expenses
- ii. DEQ Facility Compliance Inspection report (pages 38-41)
- iii. Rural Economic Development Division’s 2017-18 annual report (pages 42-56)

G. **County Commissioner Comments**

H. **Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Code 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

I. **Adjourn**

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Jordon Edwards gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and new members. She introduced Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care.

Sheila Jones, Director of Marketing highlighted Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care and a few of their 17-county facilities.

Public Agenda Comments

Jeff Smith gave an update on the Christmas lights.

Presentations to the Board

Disc golf course

Jim Brown gave a presentation about Disc Golf. Jim handed out a proposal to build the disc golf course. He said it is a huge opportunity for our community, high school, and Wilkes Community College.

Brian Norris explained the quote and the advantages to bringing this activity to Alleghany County and that it would be the only disc golf course in North Carolina, eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia built and designed by “Dynamic.” He said for family days, parking could be at the Lion’s Club Park or Wilkes Community College.

Jim Brown explained there would be no cost to the public to play. The only time there would be a charge to use this course would be during tournaments.

Brian Norris said if the course were approved, it is feasible to break ground this winter, soft-open in the spring then be able to utilize the course for the fall curriculum at Alleghany High School.

Jim Brown said he is proposing using Beamer money to fund this disc golf course.

Commissioner John Irwin motioned to approve the quote with an additional \$2,500 to cover any contingencies and concrete tee pads making the total \$15,790 in Beamer money for the disc golf course. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Business

TDA officer appointments

County Manager Mike James explained the terms of membership of the TDA.

There was discussion among the board regarding whether to reappoint the 3 members with expired membership or to appoint 3 new members.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to reappoint Steve Mason, John Kilmartin and Amy Lucas to the TDA board. Commissioner Smith seconded. Vote 3:2 (Aye: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Evans Nay: Commissioner Prince, Commissioner John Irwin)

Ag Advisory Board disclosure

County Manager Mike James asked for guidance from the board whether to proceed with the Voluntary Agricultural District Building Permit Registration.

There was discussion among the board about what the purpose of the document is, changing some wording and when to implement it.

Chair Mark Evans suggested revisiting this topic when County Manager, Mike James receives formal written feedback from the Regional Realtor's Association.

Consent Agenda

General Crimes and S/A Investigator position

Commissioner John Irwin said with regards to the General Crimes and S/A Investigator position, he would like to table it until the mid-month December meeting in case there is change in Sheriff.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the new S/A position until the mid-month December meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:1 (Aye: Commissioner Tom Smith, Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin Nay: Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

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

County Manager Comments

County Manager Mike James shared information from the Glade Creek Volunteer Fire Department about hours worked and resources used during Hurricane Florence. He explained GCVFD has submitted for FEMA funding.

County Manager Mike James went through the transfer station inspection report.

County Manager Mike James explained the Rural Economic Development report. The Allegheny county dot on the division-wide map is Glade Creek Animal Hospital, the project from last year.

County Manager Mike James said the Veterans Memorial is at 2:30. He encouraged anyone who can to please park at the county building and there will be a free Allegheny in Motion shuttle service beginning at 1:30.

County Manager Mike James said early voting yielded 2,925 votes and went over some statistics about Allegheny County's 2018 early voting.

County Manager Mike James said things are going very well at the transfer station so far with tree season.

County Manager Mike James reported that by the time the commitment to using A-1 to asphalt pave the Veterans Park parking lot was made, they were already booked so that is why the project has not been completed yet.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner John Irwin said GE in Ashe is hiring. He complimented the Veterans Advisory Committee on the bricks at Veterans Park.

Commissioner Prince complimented the Alleghany County candidates on a good, clean race.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said all benches and bricks are in place at Veterans Park. He said the time for the service did change to 2:30.

Commissioner Smith said the Trunk-n-Treat was a great success. He highlighted the Authentically Alleghany website and how busy the calendar is for Alleghany county.

Chair Evans thanked everyone involved in the Christmas lights.

Request for closed session

Commissioner Prince made a motion to enter into closed session. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

The board reconvened in open session; no action was taken during closed session.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chairman