

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 7th at 6:30 pm 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 Bobby Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker. Absent: Commissioner Mark Evans.

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

Chair Smith stated there was an addition to the agenda of Request for Proposals for section B under Karen Evans, Finance Director. Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 4:0

AGENDA
Monday, November 7, 2016
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for November 7, 2016 Meeting
Motion on minutes from meeting on June 20, 2016
- A. 6:35 Tiffany Boyer, Transportation Director
1. Present grant information on Community Transportation Program (CTP) and the Section 5310 (ED) grant.
 2. **Public Hearing** for Community Transportation Program (CTP) Grant.
 3. **Public Hearing** for the Section 5310 (ED) Grant.
 4. **Action Requested** - Vote on the grant applications.
- B. 6:45 Karen Evans, Finance Director and April Hamm, Human Resources Director
1. FLSA Overtime Update – **No Action Requested**
 2. Signature Cards – **Action Requested** – Add Mike James to the BB&T Signature Cards.
 3. Request For Proposals (addition)
- C. 6:55 Beth Dixon, Chamber Director
Re: Seasonal Update – **No Action Requested**
- D. 7:10 Jonathan Hartsell, Blue Ridge RC&D
Re: Progress Update – **No Action Requested**
- E. General Business
1. Library Board Appointment – **Action Requested** – Vote on the appointment of Alice Keighton to the Library Board.
 2. County Manager Mike James to discuss his activities and provide updates.
- F. Public Comments—30 minutes
- G. Commissioners Comments
- H. Adjourn

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2016. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 4:0

Tiffany Boyer, Transportation Director went over the CTP (Community Transportation Program) Grant Application for FY 17-18 Administration Application. She went on to go over the Capital Loan Application in requesting

Commissioner Leys asked what the amount was last year and if it is comparable to last year.

Tiffany Boyer said it's a little more because of the salary grade increase. She went on to explain the capital side of the loan for the replacement of two vans.

Chair Smith opened the public hearing. See no one he then closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the CTP grant application. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 4:0

Tiffany Boyer went over the section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Grant Program application.

Chair Smith opened a public hearing for the section 5310 ED Grant. Seeing none Chair Smith closed it hearing.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the Grant application. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0

Karen Evans, Finance Director went over the new fair labor standard act and how it affects the employees. In total it will affect six employees. There will be three employees that will now receive comp time and three that will no longer be receiving comp time.

Commissioner Leys asked to make sure that it wouldn't be a financial burden.

Commissioner Irwin stated this would be a federal

Karen Evan then went over adding County Manager Mike James to the signature cards for check signing.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Mr. James addition to the signature cards. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 4:0

Karen Evans stated the hey have started an employee's benefits committee and were want to send out request for proposals for voluntary additional insurance policies for employees and just wanted to let the Board know and see if there was anything the Board would want them to.

Commissioner Irwin said he thought it was good to ask questions and see what is out there.

Karen Evans went over the Capital loan and that the cardiac monitors were not a part of the reimbursement resolution so they would not be asking for the full proposed amount.

Beth Dixon, Chamber Director went over some statistics of growth from the Chamber and explained some of the things that the Chamber will be doing in the coming year. She went over all the things the Chamber has going on in the coming months to celebrate a Hometown Christmas. She then talked about the plan for the future in 2017.

Commissioner Leys thanked Beth Dixon for all the activities and stated she was excited about the future.

Jonathan Hartsell, Blue Ridge Resource Conservation and Development representative, gave an informative presentation of the types of things Blue Ridge RC&D do for the seven counties they serve.

County Manager Mike James went over the things that he has started doing and been seeing while getting settled in. He noted that he wanted to begin a program at each meeting called spotlight business to help promote the business in the County.

Chair Smith stated there was a reappointment to the Library Board to be discussed.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to reappoint Aalice Keighton to the Library Board. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 4:0

Commissioner Leys noted that this is Alice's third term on the Library Board.

Chair Smith opened the floor for public comments.

Susan Miles welcomed County Manager Mike James. She went on to say Sparta Revitalization Committee held the Trunk or Treat event with a count of 800 kids. She went on to explain the upcoming Christmas Parade was coming soon and the theme is Christmas Around the World. She stated that the seal behind the commissioners table is disproportional to the words. She suggested some updates to the room and thanked all the candidates in Alleghany County for acting with respect for one another through this cruel elections season.

Commissioner Leys said she was excited about Mr. James being here and that she had already heard great comments out in the community. She went on to say the Sparta Revitalization Committee Trunk or Treat event was amazing and ended noting that her thoughts and prays are with Commissioner Evans tomorrow.

Commissioner Irwin reiterated his sentiments for Commissioner Evans tomorrow and stated November 11 there will be an event on the courthouse lawn at 11am in honor of Veterans Day.

Commissioner Davis welcomed County Manager Mike James for being here and wished Commissioner Evans the best tomorrow.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 4:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair