

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

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

County Manager Don Adams called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Randy Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda for this December 1, 2008, meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, December 1, 2008
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for December 1, 2008, meeting
Motion on Minutes for September 29 and November 17, 2008, meetings
- 6:35 A. Elect Chair/Vice-Chair
B. Public Comments—30 minutes
C. Register of Deeds Bond
D. Appoint Clerk to the Board
E. Appoint County Attorney
F. Board Appointments
G. Meeting Procedures
H. County Business
1. County Seal License Agreement
 2. Social Services Budget Amendment
 3. Legal Fees Budget Amendment
 4. Deed Correction
 5. Other Business
 6. Adjourn

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 29 and November 17, 2008, meetings. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to nominate Ken Richardson as Chairman. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 4:1 (Steve Roten).

Chair Ken Richardson thanked the Board for their confidence in him. He talked about the Board being a team, working together and looking forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to nominate as Randy Miller as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

County Manager Don Adams explained that the Board has to consider the amount of the Register of Deeds' bond according to the North Carolina General Statute, which is currently set at \$25,000.

The Board and the County Manager talked about the amount of the bond.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the Register of Deeds bond. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to retain the current Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to reappoint Donna Shumate as County Attorney. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the following board appointments with recommended appointments:

Appalachian District Health Department	Ken Richardson
Blue Ridge RC&D	Randy Miller
Court Security Commission	Steve Roten
Extension Advisory Leadership Council	Steve Roten
High Country RPO Advisory Committee	Randy Miller
Job Link Management Team	Randy Miller
Smoky Mountain Center	Doug Murphy
Partnership for Children	Doug Murphy
Grayson/Alleghany Joint Water Authority	Randy Miller

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

Chair Ken Richardson talked about the last joint meeting with the Board of Education and having a joint study committee between the two boards. He asked if Commissioner Doug Murphy and Commissioner Randy Miller would be willing to serve on that committee and report back to the Commissioners on their activities.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Commissioner Randy Miller agreed.

Chair Ken Richardson reminded everyone about him and Commissioner Randy Miller serving on the salary subcommittee regarding County employees salaries.

Commissioner Randy Miller talked about one particular part has already been helped but everything needs to be looked at. He further talked about they have asked the County Manager to provide numbers at the first of the year to see how much money the Board will need to be looking at.

The Board of Commissioners discussed each page of the rules of procedures including the following changes; update the location of the meetings, notices to be posted on the bulletin board at the County Administration Building, deleting a sentence in the informal public comments section regarding appointments and procedures for appointments made to boards.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adopt the 2008 rules of procedure. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the county seal license agreement between Alleghany County, North Carolina and Alleghany Sesquicentennial celebration finance committee. He explained that the agreement is granting them permission to use the county seal in promoting the celebration.

Sandy Carter showed the Board a copy of how the group is proposing to use the seal. She explained making the seal with the banner across the bottom as the official seal for the celebration and reasons why having the official seal including the seal will be on items promoting the celebration. She talked about celebration products are available at Imaging Specialists.

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

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #19 in the amount of \$40,566 for Crisis Intervention. He explained that the DSS Director just learned today that additional monies have been received from the State.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #19 in the amount of \$40,566. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment #20 in the amount of \$5,610 for legal fees. He explained that this is for Donna Shumate to serve as the Planning Board attorney. He further explained that this covers 4½ of Planning Board work hours per month.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve budget amendment #20 in the amount of \$5,610. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about an error on a deed from the County to Satterwhite Properties in 1998. She explained that the deed states that all the undivided interest in the parcel was deeded. She stated that she is requesting that it be corrected because the County owned all of the property. She explained that the deed had a resolution attached showing the intent to sell all of the property.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve action allowing for the correction. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson explained that she had requested the County Manager to get figures together about the State taking money away from the County. She talked about the intangibles were taken away years ago. She said that she asked him to look to see what other items that may be taken away.

County Manager Don Adams talked about most agencies that rely on state funds are seeing an immediate impact like mental health and the extension service. He further talked about maybe later seeing impacts to social services, such as, daycare monies. He stated that there are a handful of funds not associated with programs or agencies; beer & wine tax, cable franchise, ADM monies, ABC revenues and lottery proceeds. He said that the County has already drawn done \$83,000 leaving approximately \$145,000 remaining. He explained that as soon as lottery money hits the account, the County draws it down. He reiterated that what is hitting the departments is state agencies.

Commissioner Doug Murphy asked is there a chance that the funds can be given back to the state agencies.

County Manager Don Adams answered yes.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the earlier projections for property tax and sales taxes. He said he can come back in February to be able to tell if the County will be struggling. He talked about two areas of concerns; Register of Deeds fees and building inspections fees.

Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about states all over the Country are talking about needed cuts. She said that the Board needs to be aware that we may have to make cuts, and to be prepared.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that everyone is aware of the economy and will see more in January about the County's status.

Commissioner Milly Richardson reiterated that the Board needs to be thinking about what we may have to do if we have to do it.

Commissioner Randy Miller welcomed Steve Roten to the Board and offered his assistance if he has any questions.

Commissioner Randy Miller asked when the County Manager can bring a QZAB report/update to the Board.

County Manager Don Adams said he could bring it back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed the transfer facility scales' timeline including the temporary scales and pouring concrete.

Being no further business, Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman