

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2009, 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 Milly Richardson, Commissioner Doug Murphy, 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 Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda for this December 7, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, December 7, 2009
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for December 7, 2009, meeting
Motion on Minutes for November 16 & 23, 2009, meetings
- 6:35 A. Elect Chair/Vice-Chair
B. Public Comments—30 minutes
C. Appoint Clerk to the Board
D. Appoint County Attorney
E. Board Appointments
F. Rules of Procedures
G. Travis Dalton
RE: Brooks Farm Preliminary Plat
H. Linda Edwards
RE: Updated EMS Drug and Alcohol Policy
I. County Business
1. PARTF Grant
2. Laurel Springs Volunteer Fire Department Resolution
3. Budget Amendment—Surplus Sale
4. Charleston Forge Building Tax Status
5. Budget Amendment—Social Services
6. Vacant Positions Request
7. EMS Building Sprinkler System Bids
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 16 and 23, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy nominated Ken Richardson for Chair. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Chair.

Chair Ken Richardson nominated Randy Miller as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to reappoint Karen Evans as Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

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

Chair Ken Richardson talked about board appointments. He asked for discussion from the Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the board appointments. They decided on the following changes:

Blue Ridge RC&D	Milly Richardson
CJPP	Steve Roten
JCPC	Randy Miller
New River Service Authority Board	Milly Richardson as at-large member
Sparta Revitalization Committee	Randy Miller

Chair Ken Richardson asked the Board for discussion on the current rules of procedures.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to accept the Board appointments as previous discussed. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy asked about meeting times/places because he was approached by someone in the county to see if the Board will meet at various places in the county.

The Board discussed the request and decided to not change the meeting location.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to adopt the rules of procedures. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Travis Dalton, Planner, presented a plat showing a 90.349 acre tract located in Gap Civil Township to be divided into 28 lots using one existing State maintained road to connect to a series of private roads and one private driveway which will be constructed in compliance with the Land Subdivision Ordinance. He explained that he has reviewed the plat and recommends the Board to provide preliminary plat approval for Brooks Farm Property.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the preliminary plat. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Linda Edwards, EMS Administrative Supervisor, presented a drug/alcohol testing policy. She explained that the policy provides for testing for pre-employment, post-accident, random and reasonable suspicion.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated that she has reviewed this information.

County Manager Don Adams explained OccuTest will provide baseline testing for \$2,180.70 and will provide all forms of testing. He explained the process for testing.

Linda Edwards stated that a tentative date for training has been set for next Tuesday.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the drug-free policy. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Steve Roten, County Manager Don Adams and Linda Edwards discussed the testing aspect of this policy including the amount of funding for the testing.

Chair Ken Richardson, County Manager Don Adams and Linda Edwards discussed the baseline testing. County Manager Don Adams stated that he recommends the baseline testing.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the proposal from OccuTest. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Linda Edwards discussed protocol for calling helicopter assistance.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the PARTF grant public hearing scheduled for the first meeting in January for the soccer fields. He reviewed the proposed changes from the first application including a walking track and picnic shelter at the location and working to keep it in the same project budget.

County Manager Don Adams presented a resolution from Laurel Springs Volunteer Fire Department regarding a loan to purchase a fire truck. He explained that this is stating that the fire department is eligible for a tax exempt loan, and does not obligate the County.

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

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #9 in the amount of \$150 for the surplus sale proceeds court ordered to go to Alleghany County Schools.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #9 in the amount of \$150. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #10 in the amount of \$2,009 for an increase in public assistance.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #10 in the amount of \$2,009. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson asked the Board to consider the tax status on the old Charleston Forge building by giving him a partial tax deferment on the property. She said it would be a nice gesture to do that since he is trying to promote economic growth.

County Manager Don Adams explained NCGS 158-7.1 does allow for certain relief, and the County has to take into consideration new taxes coming into the tax base. He used John Miller as an example and explained how that worked. He talked about if a company is about to move into the building, then he would approach the Rural Center to assist with grants then take the additional tax base growth into consideration. He used Martin Marietta as an example because the building was in place so their equipment was the only thing added to the tax base.

Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about the Board should look at this when something is coming into the building.

County Manager Don Adams informed the Board that there is a vacant position at the Transfer Facility of Equipment Operator, grade 60, \$22,784. He asked permission to advertise to fill the position.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to allow the position to be filled. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans discussed the process of taking previous applications and placing them in consideration this time.

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

County Manager Don Adams passed out EMS sprinkler system bids. He

reviewed the bids: Fire Technologies, Inc. \$19,760; Twin City Sprinkler Co., Inc. \$25,500, K&S Sprinkler Company, Inc. \$26,395 and Absolute Fire Control \$29,810.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to allow the County Manager to move forward with Fire Technologies, Inc. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Randy Miller thanked everyone for their hard work and working together.

Being no further business, Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman