



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 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 John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker. Commissioner Tom Smith was absent.

Chair Evans called the meeting to order.

Commissioner John Irwin led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Larry Prince gave the invocation. Chair Evans noted there would be no spotlight business this week and add under C. create the current topic as number 1 and number 2 would be audit discussion.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0

AGENDA

Monday, March 5th, 2018

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for March 5th, 2018 Meeting
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business, My Comfort Companion – Janet Tompkins
- B. 6:45 Public Agenda Comments
- C. 7:00 Karen Evans, Finance Officer
Re: Office Server and IT
2. Audit Discussion (Addition)
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. General fund budget amendment # 16 in the amount of \$11,000 (Page 1)
 - 2. Accepting Top Bid (Hirschy) on Toy/Beamer Property (Page 2)
 - 3. Accepting Top Bid (Bottomley) on County property (Page 3)
- E. General Business
 - 1. Social Service Scanning Project (Page 4-35)
- F. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- G. County Manager Comments
 - 1. Buying Locally Update
 - 2. Commissioner Forum March 9th
 - 3. Preview for March 19th Agenda
- H. Commissioners Comments
 - 1. Out of State Travel
- I. Adjourn

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public agenda comments. Seeing no movement, he then closed that section.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans went over the issues her office is having with their current server and the options for a solution. She gave the amount of \$1,100 to repair the current server and the cost to purchase a new server with labor included to help move all the data.

Commissioner John Irwin asked about the age of the server and what the life expectancy is for it. Karen Evans explained that this server was currently eight years old and their normal life expectancy was about five years old.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the \$2,800 to move forward with fixing the current server and contracting with the tech company to provide the office with support for the rest of the year. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0

Karen Evans next went over the four different parts of the audit. She noted the main part of the audit last year cost was \$49,750 and then said the quote for this year was quoted at \$70,000 which is a 41% increase. She explained why the price was so much higher according to the company.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if there was anyone else to turn to for the audit service.

The Board discussed the options to have the audit completed this year.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion for the finance office to send out an Request for Proposal for an audit firm contract. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James explained the budget amendment was for the canteen money. He explained there had been more inmates in the jail this year to spend more money than they had originally budgeted for, but it is no expense to the county and the county makes a little on the canteen purchases.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner John Irwin seconded.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked how many days the Bottomley property was put out for upset bid. County Manager, Mike James answered ten days as required by state statute.

Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James explained the social service scanning project bids and what the recommendation is from the social services director and himself. Chair Mark Evans asked if this will be a budget amendment for this year or if it will be involved in the budget. County Manager, Mike James said all money will out of next years budget.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the scanning request for the department of social services. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public comments. Seeing no movement, he closed that section.

County Manager Mike James went over the buying local initiative updates and noted the county roughly spends \$30,000 every two weeks. Next, he reminded the Board of the commissioner candidate orientation coming up on Friday at 9:30 am. He went over the topics for next meeting just to give the Board a heads up because the agenda is looking full. He then informed the Board of the Wilkes Community College fundraising campaign to be starting this week. Last he went over the members of the new board of

directors for Alleghany Health LLC, the company that now own Alleghany Memorial Hospital.

Chair Mark Evans went over the out of state travel policy. He explained that Commissioner Larry Prince and he were planning to attend a meeting in Washington D.C. and they felt they would just take care of it since they had yet to see an agenda for the event. Then he noted he would like to see a discussion about signage for veteran's park on a future agenda. He then reminded the board of the NCACC district meeting to be held in Yadkinville on April 5th and noted they would need to register. Next, he noted that May 30 is county assembly day in Raleigh and then August 23-25 is the NCACC Annual conference. Last he asked the board if March 20th would work for the debt/capital needs retreat. The board agreed on March 20th at 9 A.M.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like to see some money set aside from the sale of the 100 acres to pave the parking lot at veterans' park. He then noted he would like to have a conversation about having a school resource officer at each of the elementary schools. He then stated the brick sale is still going strong and they received another load. They are looking to set an end date for this first section, so they can get started on the path.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Chair Mark Evans seconded. Vote 4:0

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair of the Board