

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2016 at 5 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 Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

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

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0.

Special Called Meeting

April 12, 2016

Agenda

5:00pm Meeting Called to Order
Motion on Agenda

1. Health Insurance
2. Summary of Requests Presented 2/11/16 & 3/24/16
 - a. Business Recruitment & Tourism Committee
 - b. Wilkes Community College
 - c. Healthcare Committee
 - d. Alleghany County K-12 Schools
3. Summary of Available/Additional Funds
 - a. Economic Development Fund
 - b. Reallocated Expanded Sales Tax Revenue
4. General Discussions
5. Adjourn/Recess

County Manager Don Adams went over all insurance quotes and what the reaction was from the Department heads. He said they would rather not change, but if the County has to they would like to go with the League so that the coverage will not change. He explained that the League of Municipalities would be an increase of \$38,000 and with Blue Cross and Blue Shield it's an increase of \$50,000.

Commissioner Leys asked when the renewal date was for the County insurance.

County Manager Don Adams said July 1st but there has to be 90 day notice so the decision has to be made by Monday.

Chair Smith asked County Manager Don Adams how his discussions with the department heads went, if they felt comfortable and what their thoughts were.

County Manager Don Adams said the department heads of course would rather stay with their current insurance provider, but since there was no change in the coverage they seemed okay with the decision if that was to be the choice.

Commissioner Irwin asked if the coverage would be the exact same.

County Manager Don Adams said yes all the major elements are the same, but there may be some things out there that might be odd or rare and be handled differently, but on all the major elements it is the same.

Commissioner Evans added yeah they said the main thing that most people notice a difference in is the way prescriptions are handled and classified.

Commissioner Irwin asked if Med-cost will be accepted as well as BCBS has been.

County Manager Don Adams said yes it uses Med-cost network which is a very strong network. They have a large network in Virginia as well as North Carolina.

Chair Smith asked if everyone would be ready to move forward with this when County Manager Don Adams brings the rest of the numbers to the Board on Monday.

Commissioner Leys said absolutely we've already seen that our county employees are underpaid and I'm glad we can keep up with their health.

Commissioner Evans asked if the current insurance has a network in Virginia.

Commissioner Irwin asked if there was anyone who wasn't for this insurance.

County Manager Don Adams said that he had not heard any negative feedback. He also stated that of course not 100% of people are always happy, but he had not heard anything negative so far.

County Manager Don Adams then recapped all the presentations that have come before the board.

Commissioner Leys asked if the economic development plan would be done in 3 years.

County Manager Don Adams said it can be done however, there are 3 levels, but the thought is it could all be done in a years' time.

Chair Smith asked will Mr. Caveny continue to have an advisory committee.

County Manager Don Adams said yes and went over Mr. Caveny's plan for continuing the work with the advisory committee.

Commissioner Leys said Dale Caveny had stated at his presentation that he wouldn't have time as he is currently employed, so how would this happen.

County Manager Don Adams said the County would need someone interested in helping that would hopefully volunteer, but if not we could employ someone part time.

County Manager Don Adams went on to explain what the presentation was from the Community College.

Commissioner Evans asked for clarification saying the roof on WCC building is going to cost around \$180,000 and if this was the same roof that will be over the new Library.

County Manager Don Adams said yes, and explained the defaults in the current roof as well as possible money coming from the college to help offset the cost of a new roof.

Commissioner Davis asked if the \$50,000 would be every year from now on.

County Manager Don Adams said yes and explained the first \$50,000 would be the bond match money and then from then on they want it to help supply more programs to the county. .

Commissioner Irwin said he was not very happy with only getting \$150,000 out of the \$5,200,000 the college is getting from the bond.

County Manager Don Adams said this money is more than the County has ever seen from the college.

County Manager Don Adams then went over the presentation from Jennifer Green and the Health Care Advisory Committee. He recapped the requests from Alleghany County Schools and went over the current year Economic Development budget.

Chair Smith asked County Manager Don Adams if the \$225,000 includes the voting machines and if he is going to recommend \$35,000 more for the voting machines. He went on to say hypothetically if we gave \$126,000 to the economic development group and that would leave somewhere around \$29,000 in the budget in case something needs to be done to the building.

County Manager Don Adams said he would recommend that the money for Economic Development be set aside for them, but they will need to come back and give reports and

updates. The plan is done in steps and he said he thought it would be a good idea to release the money in the same way.

Commissioner Evans asked has there been discussion about the \$8,000 for print cost.

County Manager Don Adams said no he had not heard anything about it.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to recess until next Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 5pm. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 4:0 (Commissioner Irwin had to leave early and had left by that time.)

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Tom Smith
Chair