



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, and Commissioner Larry Prince, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker. Chair Mark Evans was absent.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin noted there needed to be a change to the agenda to add a closed session for Legal Counsel 143-318.11(a) 3, Economic Development 143-318.11(a) 4 and Personnel 143-318.11(a) 6.

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

AGENDA  
Monday, April 3, 2017  
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  
Motion on Agenda for April 3, 2017 Meeting  
Motion on minutes from meeting on March 6, 2017.
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business, Scott's Landscaping, Scott Smith
- B. 6:45 Public Agenda Comments – (Page 1)
- C. 6:55 Rita Miller, Tax Administrator  
Re: To reschedule the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review. **(Action Requested)**
- D. General Business
1. General Fund Budget Amendment # 15 – to budget for the Audio and Visual updates in the Board room that was approved at 3/20/17 meeting. **(Action Requested)** (Page 2)
  2. General Fund Budget Amendment #16 – to budget for firefighters training that was approved at 3/20/17 meeting. **(Action Requested)** (Page 3)
  3. Purposed purchase of new jail locking system. **(Action Requested)** (Page 4-8)
  4. Fireworks Contract - **(Action Requested)** (Page 9-12)
- E. Public Comments—30 minutes – (Page 13)
- F. County Manager Comments
- G. Commissioners Comments
- H. Adjourn

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2017. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

Scott Smith from Scott's Landscaping was the spotlight business. He recalled all the business ventures he had completed over the years and announced his new business was now open. He said there would be a Grand Opening for the new green in mid may in time for mother's day. He stated that he began his business with two employees and noted he has grown to 16 employees.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked what all will the new facility have.

Scott Smith said it was double the greenhouse size and they would have the most extensive outdoor supply store in the County.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin opened the floor for public agenda comments seeing none he closed that section.

Tax Administrator, Rita Miller said she was requesting to change the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review from April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Commissioners board room.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to move the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James went over the General Fund budget amendment #15. He explained it was for the audio and visual updates to the conference room. He said the money just needed to be put in place so they can come install the equipment.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #15 in the amount of \$10,866 Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James went over General Fund budget amendment #16. He explained it was to budget for the firefighters training that was approved at the last meeting.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve to approve General Fund budget amendment #16 in the amount of \$1,050. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James explained the request for the new jail locking system.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained the current situations with the jail locks and intercom system that the staff are trying to deal with.

Commissioner Prince asked if the intercom system is needed.

Nike Hawks said he was unsure.

County Attorney Donna Shumate stated it had been helpful in the case of an inmate needing immediate medical attention and the workers were able to hear and talk to the inmate to know that there was in fact an issue.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve option one with the addition of the manual locks. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

County Manager Mike James went over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks contract. He stated it was the same as the past couple years with the Town paying half and the County paying the other half.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks contract. Commissioner Smith seconded. Vote 4:0

Commissioner Bobby Irwin opened the floor for public comments.

Collette Nester spoke about the negative impacts that litter has on the community and the wildlife. She encouraged the County Commissioners to consider authorizing \$500 in the aid of her organized Earth day litter pick up.

Commissioner John Irwin asked where the money could come from for this.

County Manager Mike James said he would look into it and it will have to be brought back to the next meeting for any action to be taken.

Chad Beasley spoke on behalf of the Arts Council. He was there to inform the Board of the new formation of the organization and express the want and need for the Arts Council to be able to use the old library building for the organization.

Seeing no one else for public comments Commissioner Bobby Irwin closed that section.

County Manager Mike James went over the school fire inspections and the schools passing. He went on to talk about the school resource officer position and what the plan was moving forward with getting someone in place for the next school year. He congratulated Nick Hawks and Brandon Hanson with a large drug bust where they collected \$500,000 in cash. He thanked Dale Caveny from the Business Development Center for his hard work on the job fair and on the pop up market that had both occurred last week. He then shared the Twitter and Facebook pages with the Board and public. Lastly County Manager Mike James noted the current need for foster families in the County and encouraged anyone interested to get in contact with the DSS director Lisa Osborne.

Commissioner John Irwin stated he went on a ride along with the Sheriff and talked about the affect illegal drugs in the County.

Commissioner Prince stated he agreed with Colette Nester whole heartedly and the struggles he had ran into was that no one enforces any litter laws. He went on to say that the Highway Patrol are the ones that officially have that jurisdiction, but something more needs to be done.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to enter into closed session under Legal Counsel 143-318.11(a) 3, Economic Development 143-318.11(a) 4 and Personnel 143-318.11(a) 6. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0

Commissioner Bobby Irwin called the Board back to regular session.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the creation of a new temporary paramedic position. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 4:0

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans  
Chair