



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2017, 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 Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, and Commissioner Larry Prince, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker. County Attorney Donna Shumate was absent.

Commissioner John Irwin led the pledge of allegiance and Chair Evans gave the invocation.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

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Dian Wyatt from sheds.com spoke about the new business and explained all that they do in the County. She also spoke about the growth of the business and ideas for the future.

Chair Evans opened our public agenda comments.

Nash Williams asked about the contract with the business that is trying to purchase property from the County.

County Manager Mike James stated there will be a penalty in the economics developmental clause to be completed later on in the process.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator went over the auto refunds under the new system.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the auto refunds under the new system. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller went over the auto releases from the old systems.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the auto releases from the old system. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller then went over the real property releases.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the real property releases. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller then went over the tax collection report, enforced collection report and the payment agreement report. She then introduced Doug Huffman from the NC Department of Revenue.

Doug Huffman went over the reappraisal options for the county and how a shorter reappraisal cycle will improve the consistency and equity among land types.

Commissioner Smith expressed his concerns for the cost of doing the reappraisal more often, but stated he understood the benefits as well.

Sherry Dawson, Election Director stated the current voting system will be deactivated in September 2019. She explained the new voting machines and two estimates for the machines.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if the County had the money.

County Manager Mike James said yes the County had been setting aside money for the past two years so there is money enough to cover either of the options.

The Board discussed the two estimates and decided to allow Sherry Dawson to move forward with the first estimates of \$76,088.

EMS Director, Linda Edwards explained her need for additional money in the amount of \$12,239

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #19. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

Karen Evans, Finance Officer went over General Fund budget amendment # 20 to budget for the additional medical examiner and autopsies expenses.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #20. Chair Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Karen Evans explained General Fund budget amendment #21 to budget for the Roaring Gap Deputies because there are more than 26 pay periods.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #21. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Nick Hawks and Karen Evans went over the break down for the General Fund budget amendment #22.

Commissioner Larry Prince stated the more you are asked to do your job the more it cost the County.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin discussed bidding for meals in the jail.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #22. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Nick Hawks gave a presentation on the department's use of the body cameras.

Linda Hash, District Administrator/Conservationist went over the Farmland Preservation Revision. She pointed out some of the changes and important differences.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Jim Brown Recreation Director went over the changes that were made to the use policy for the Alleghany County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner John Irwin asked to add a sentence to the policy about outside vendors being able to come into the facility.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the use policy for the fairgrounds pending the addition of a sentence allowing outside vendors to come into the facility to help better serve the crowds at the events. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Lee Cornett of DANA services, went over some of the services provided and some of the trends occurring. She went over an upcoming event for the elderly occurring May 23, 2017 at the new library with the collaboration of the groups to help provide this event.

County Manager Mike James went over the Earth Day receipts. He then went over the social services Board vacancy and said Commissioner Larry Prince had already

been appointed. He then went on to explain the resolution to designate property held for economic development.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin questioned the County Manager in the process of the sale negotiation of the Old Library building.

Chair Evans addressed some concerns brought to the Board by Commissioner Bobby Irwin.

Commissioner John Irwin called the question.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the designation of the property for economic development. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about the tax value of the real property in consideration 122 N Main Street.

Tax Administrator, Rita Miller stated the tax value was \$664,600. She noted valid sales looks at all like properties as a whole not the specific building. She then explained the process of mass appraisals. It was also based on the last revaluation January 1, 2015. She noted again mass appraisal is different than personal appraisal.

Commissioner Larry Prince clarified that mass appraisals is based mainly on square footage and acreage.

Tax Office Real Property Appraiser, Theresea Dotson explained that Commissioner Bobby Irwin had come to the Tax Office asking about the value and she had explained how the Tax Office arrived at \$664,000 for the revaluation amount and that she had tried to explained the difference between the insurance number he had before speaking with her and the revaluation number that came from the Tax Office.

Vote 4:1(Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

Commissioner John Irwin asked if County Manager Mike James knew she had a Limited Liability Corporation.

County Manager Mike James said it wasn't discussed so he didn't know.

Commissioner John Irwin asked questions to make sure everything was in order for the project.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the commercial agreement. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded.

County Manager Mike James noted there will be an economic development agreement later.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked to have input on the next contract.

Vote 4:1 (Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

County Manager Mike James showed the Board three potential property options for sales.

Chair Evans opened the floor for public comments.

County Manager Mike James informed the Board that Grant's officially opened this past weekend. He reminded the Board of the cancelation of the Joint meeting for May. He encouraged everyone to come to the launch of the Thank a Veteran program in the Register of Deeds on the 24th. He also reminded the Board and invited the public to the presentation of the budget meetings coming up in June.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained the option for historical building preservation.

Commissioner John Irwin May 29, 2017 at 1pm the VFW will have a Memorial Day ceremony at the Courthouse to be followed by the parade.

County Manager Mike James stated he had gone to the

Commissioner Prince stated he felt good about the sale of the Library property. He said he felt the job creation is great for the County and adding it back to the tax role for the County and he felt it will improve the look on Main Street.

Chair Mark Evans reminded of prayer at the flag pole on Thursday. He went on to say County assembly day in Raleigh went well.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans
Chair