



The Allegheny County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Mark Evans called the meeting to order.

Chair Mark Evans led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 5th, 2017
6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for September 5th, 2017 Meeting
Motion on Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2017 and August 7, 2017
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business, Allegheny Meat Center – Steve Edwards
- B. 6:45 Public Agenda Comments
- C. 7:00 Karen Evans, Finance Officer -
1. Addendum to original engagement letter with Martin Starnes regarding the county audit. **(Action Requested)** (Pages 1-2)
 2. Indirect Cost Report Contract **(Action Requested)** (Pages 3-20)
- D. 7:15 General Business
1. Allegheny Memorial Hospital **(Action Requested)**
 2. Selection of Vendor for Emergency Communications Simulcast Contract **(Action Requested)** (Pages 21-25)
 3. Disposition of Edwards Property **(Action Requested)** (Pages 26-30)
- E. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- F. County Manager Comments
1. Sparta School Construction Bids (Page 31)
- G. Commissioners Comments
- H. Adjourn

Chair Evans noted two corrections to be made in the minutes. Commissioner Prince made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Evans opened the public agenda comments. Seeing no one he then closed that section.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans explained an additional report that needed to be completed with the audit and the additional funds needed to cover the report. She said the cost would be \$2,750.

Chair Evans stated this is a mandated and had to be completed.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve and move forward.
Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Karen Evans then went over the indirect allocated cost report contract and the amount to have it cost to have the report completed.

Chair Evans asked if the \$3,500 for the report is already included in the budget.

Karen Evans said yes.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James recapped the conversation from the last meeting concerning Alleghany Memorial Hospital. He suggested pledging \$600,000 over the next five years.

The Board discussed the options to help fund Alleghany Memorial Hospital.

Commissioner John Irwin suggested \$100,000 for the next 7 years and to look at the ¼ cent sales tax to help offset the amount.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin stated he didn't think there should be a specific number until the county is sure of what they will be getting. He wanted to be sure there is some safety for the county citizen and tax payers.

The Board continued to discuss the pledge amount, future board's responsibility, yearly pledge amount and the tax base for the next few years.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to pledge \$100,000 per year for the next seven years, contingent on approval of future boards. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked to put the topic off until the midmonth meeting to have more discussions with the hospital board members to figure what number they need. He wanted to know why the Board was giving more than what some of the hospital board members said they needed, but he felt the vote needed to be a unanimous vote to show Wake Forest the County is behind this project.

Chair Mark Evans noted there was a motion on the floor and a second. Asked for any further discussion. Commissioner Larry Prince felt the 10 days were important to their fundraising campaign. Chair Mark Evans said he was comfortable with the \$100,000 because that was what the County has been giving every year anyway and even more a few years back so he felt it wouldn't cause a hardship on the County budget to continue to pledge that money.

Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the emergency communications simulcast contract and the two bids. He went on to say the money was already budgeted this year and the lease agreement was approved a couple meetings ago.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve mobile communications.
Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the Toy Edwards Beamer property history and the current status. He explained the property had been fully deeded to the County to sale. He went on to talk about the different options to sale the property.

The Board discussed the sale options and money options once its sold.

Commissioner John Irwin suggested using a realtor.

The Board consensus was to go with a realtor, but first to get information and prices.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to put out a request for proposal to realtors. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Evans opened the floor for public comments seeing none he closed that section.

County Manager Mike James went over the county population numbers he had received. He went over the surplus sale and thanked all that were involved in making it happen. Next, he went over the gas shortage, elevated prices and how things are functioning now. Last thing he went over was the Sparta school construction bids and discussed a little about what projects to add moving forward.

Commissioner Larry Prince gave his sentiments towards the beautification ordinance and his dedication to Alleghany County. He went on to say he felt like the ordinance in his mind would be neighbor helping neighbor by trying to get citizens to recognize where it is costing them money, for instance the sale of property and hoped to have the community help each other when there is a situation that needs to be fixed. He said he didn't want to see taxes go up because properties wont sale.

Commissioner John Irwin suggested designating a second in command for each department. He then thanked the maintenance department for taking care of the scape metal. He also noted the work order system seemed to be working well and looked forward to the growth with the system. Next, he asked about the status of the old post office building. He then went on to express his sentiments towards Commissioner Larry Prince for all his hard work, his heart and love for Alleghany County.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin agreed with Commissioner John Irwin about the heart and intent of Commissioner Larry Prince. He went on to ask for a response from DOT on secondary road guardrails.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans
Chair