

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 6.30pm 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 Attorney Donna Shumate, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

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

Chair Smith asked to add Regional 2 State Economic Development Strategy.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to add the Regional 2 State Economic Development Strategy. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the agenda for this September 6, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0

AGENDA  
Tuesday, September 6, 2016  
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  
Motion on Agenda for September 6, 2016 Meeting
- A. 6:35 Wendy Williams, Mapping/E911 Director  
  
Re: E911 Server crashed and is non repairable. The data is temporarily housed on another server, but the server will need to be replaced. Action Requested – Decide how to proceed.
- B. 6:40 Josh Green, Public Works Director  
  
Re: Computer System for County Solid Waste Management.  
Action Requested – Decide how to proceed. \_
- C. 6:55 Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Director  
  
Re: Informative presentation regarding the Emergency Management department.
- D. 7:15 Bryan Maines, Sheriff  
  
Re: A Corporal position that was overlooked during the salary study so the money was not allocated for the position either. The amount needed to cover the positions pay raise is \$4,310, which includes salary, holiday, retirement, 401K and FICA. Action Requested – Decide how to proceed.
- (Addition) Regional 2 State Regional Economic Development Strategy
- E. Public Comments—30 minutes  
F. Commissioners Comments
- Commissioner Leys: Present Sparta Women’s Club amended proclamation. Action Requested – Vote on the proclamation
- Commissioner Evans: Legislative Goals. Action Requested – Discuss how to proceed.
- Chair Smith: Acquired land Information

G. Closed Session – NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (6)-Personnel

H. Adjourn

Wendy Williams, Mapping/E911 Director said she was coming before the board to let them know about an E911 server that had recently stop working and to ask the Board to allow her to replace the server so there is a backup server. She went on to say the money will not come out of the General Fund, but out of the E-911 Fund.

Chair Smith explained the purchase was not out of the blue. One of the servers crashed and now everything is on the backup server and if something were to happen to the backup server then it would not be a good thing for the 911 workers or the citizens.

Commissioner Irwin asked if they were able to save the software just not the physical server.

Wendy Williams replied yes that is correct.

Commissioner Evans asked where the other sever was and asked if there was redundancy in the servers.

Wendy Williams said it was used in the jail and yes there is some redundancy use in the servers to have a built in backup in situations like this.

Commissioner Evans asked how old the server was and what the life expectancy was.

Wendy Williams stated that the server was 7 years old and the 911 board recommend 3-5 years for servers.

Commissioner Evans suggested the Board have a conversation soon about its technology and the support.

Commissioner Leys asked who is the current company used when there are issues.

Wendy Williams explained the company used by the Sheriff's Office is a local company, but she was not sure of the name and she used southern software who the software came from and has done the maintenance since they had the software.

Commissioner Leys asked how fast it can get installed. She also asked if Wendy Williams had gotten bids for this purchase.

Wendy Williams said as soon as she could get it ordered and explained that no she had not gotten bids due to the relationship with the current provider and the fact that they would be the ones installing it as well. She went on to say it is not necessary to collect bids according to the E911 Board

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the purchase of the new server. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Josh Green Public Works Director and Karen Evans, Finance Director explained the new software that is needed for the transfer facility and how it will expedite the billing from the transfer facility side and the finance office side.

Chair Smith stated that it seemed like it would help both offices and asked if there were any ideas on how this should be paid for.

Josh Green said he had recently had the brush grinding where he had \$4,000 left over there and he felt like with the age of loaders and things he should be able to move some money from maintenance and repair of equipment line to help cover the cost.

Commissioner Davis it is going to have to be replaced and it has been there a long time.

Commissioner Evans asked if he will need to purchase a new computer to put over at the transfer facility.

Josh Green explained yes he will, but he will be able to take it from his supply line from there or a site preparation line.

Commissioner Davis said they need to add the costs to next year's budget.

Commissioner Evans said he would like to see more options in the future.

Commissioner Davis asked if something happens to it then they will be able to help fix it from their office.

Josh Green said correct at the Transfer Facility or in the Finance Office.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the software for the solid waste billing. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Director, gave a brief presentation on his job and duties in the County. He went over the chain of command and the different types of situations that would call him to act. He explained that the majority of his job is preparation as well as training others to be prepared. He went on to talk about not only Emergency Management locally but also at a regional and state level. He went over the money and how the funding is kept up with and how things get paid for in trainings and emergencies.

Commissioner Irwin asked who the backup was if he was not available.

Daniel Roten stated that normally the former County Manager Don Adams was his back up.

Chair Smith informed the Board of a missing position in the Sheriff's Department. He also stated he would feel more comfortable if the Sheriff would come talk about it with the board.

Commissioner Irwin asked if this could wait another two weeks.

Chair Smith stated he felt like it could since it has already been this long so he suggested moving it to the next meeting which will be September 19, 2016.

Chair Smith explained the regional two-state economic development strategy and what his thoughts were on it.

Commissioner Irwin stated that BRECO was providing part of the money currently for the study.

Chair Smith asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

Commissioner Irwin it's a benefit to the county and to the economic development of the County.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to move forward with the support of the 2 state economic development plan. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith open public comments. Seeing none he closed.

Commissioner Leys spoke of the revised Sparta Woman's Club to add that the Sparta Woman's Club started the Library in 1935.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Evans explained what the Board will need to do for our legislative goals for the County and he explained some of his thoughts. He went on to talk about the fact that there is only one approved vendor for voting machines.

Chair Smith explained the acquisition of three parcels of land by state organizations for the use of the County. He went on to talk about the amount of taxes the County will be losing because of it, but he felt like the usage the County will get from the land is worth not getting the \$2,500.

The board discussed the land that has been purchased by the state and the piece of property that is between the State's owned lands.

Commissioner Evans shared with the Board an idea he had picked up at the NCACC conference. It was regarding memorials of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution free of charge to the County because the group that does it raises their own money. He said he just wanted to pass that along for thought.

Commissioner Irwin talked about Music on Main and the great crowd. He also wanted to add the Veterans Advisory Board and their brick sale to the mid-month meeting next month.

Commissioner Leys spoke about the symphony coming up on Thursday. She went on to say that the Music on Main was great and said they are rethinking a few things for the next event. She went on to talk about the precinct change and that she was very disappointed in the Board of Elections and what is going on with the whole mess.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to go into close session. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith stated that no decisions were made.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Tom Smith  
Chair