

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Cox, Commissioner John Goudreau, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Chair Richardson stated that Tracy Bottomley and Closed Session under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal and (a) (6)—personnel needs to be added to the agenda under F. 3.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the agenda for this February 6, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, February 6, 2012
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer
Motion on Agenda for February 6, 2012, meeting
Motion on Minutes for January 17, 2012, meeting
- 6:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission, Dare Stromer
RE: CSBG Grant Application
C. Rita Miller
RE: Tax Collector's Report
Tax Office Annual Report
D. April Hamm
RE: Update on Video Camera Software/AssetWorks Waiver Request
E. General Business
1. Tabled Social Services Employee Request
2. Golden Leaf Community Assistance Initiative
3. Farmland Preservation Advisory Board Appointment
4. Northwestern Regional Library Contract Update
5. Educational Community Garden Initiative Memorandum of Understanding
6. Open Position at the Jail
7. Surplus Vehicles/Request Letter
8. Planning Board Appointments
9. Wood Waste Bids
F. Commissioner Business
1. Cascade Highlands Update—Commissioner Goudreau
2. New River Service Authority Transition Board Update—Commissioner Cox
3. Tracy Bottomley (added)
Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal (added)
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel (added)
G. Adjourn

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 17, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson opened the public comments' portion of the meeting and asked for public comments.

Dennis Smith asked what democracy is. He provided an example. He stated that our founding fathers established the Nation as a republic not a democracy. He explained the differences between a democracy and a republic. He explained the National Defense Authorization Act, which has been signed by the President. He read the oaths for the President and Congress. He talked about it should be obvious that we have a criminal government and gave examples. He further talked about if people don't stop thinking about the party and start thinking in terms of individual liberty we will all be swept away with corruption. He talked about a congressman who is now viewed as a terrorist because he criticized the TSA. He said that anybody can be labeled as a terrorist for any reason. He talked about the fast and furious recently in the news. He further talked about the cases of a privately-owned mint and MF Global. He explained that on September 10, 2001, there was 2.3 trillion dollars missing at the Pentagon and the next day something hit the Pentagon that destroyed the financial records. He said that now with a criminal

government is this something you want for your children. He named several states that have bills introduced to nullify the legislation and named others who have sponsored bills regarding the National Defense Authorization Act. He continued talking about the language in National Defense Authorization Act, the bill authorizes permanent warfare anywhere including the detention of US citizens anywhere, which is taking a wrecking ball to the US Constitution and gives enormous power to the government. He explained that one provision would authorize the military to detain people suspected of terrorism and it expands the battlefield to include the United States. He named criteria of what is considered a terrorist according to the government. He asked that the Board stand against the National Defense Authorization Act, and to instruct the County Attorney to draft a resolution to preserve habeas corpus and civil liberties, draft a letter to the NC Legislature to introduce legislation as done in Virginia, Washington, Rhode Island and Tennessee and include the copy of the resolution. He said that this isn't about politics; it's about liberty and fight to preserve the Constitution. He read a prayer offered in the US Senate. He thanked each one of the Commissioners responding to his questions from the last meeting. He provided information to Commissioner Goudreau about the National Defense Authorization Act to share with the Board.

Brandon Hawks stated he talked last time about rational thoughts versus irrational thoughts in terms of philosophy and the time before that he spoke about a moochers/looters mentality. He said that he wants to continue that topic of the insanity that infects the minds of policy makers. He explained that government cannot control the economy if it doesn't control the people. He talked about an economist stated that we as a society wants something that is not. He further talked about you cannot change the economics; you can change the effect for a short while but it bounces back. He said the thing people ignore is human action. He asked why. He talked about we see what Daymark has done but we continue to go along as usual, we see leaders with no principal, main reason is that no one studies constitutional history or remembers that we are not a democracy. He explained this is what we get when we have government run education. He said he better be quiet before he upsets someone. He talked about the purpose of being free. He further talked about the leadership in this community has no principals. He said that when we fail to see the issues before us and do nothing, we have lost direction. He further said it is time to wake up, you cannot ignore truth. He further talked about the Chairman listed his accomplishments during his time. He explained his view of what has happened in the last 23 years and provided numerous examples. He said that people may think he may be too harsh on the Chairman and he is too young to know so he provided examples of what he has done during his college years. He further said that he makes his payments before they are due, helps his family but it isn't enough. He talked about the way he has been treated. He said that he has talked to people and all they want to do is succeed but policies created have stopped or hampered the every decision of their economic lives for the common good. He explained that he has seen the affect that it has on the forgotten man who asked nothing but to be left alone. He said that when Mr. Richardson removes himself he needs to jump in a truck and drive to California/Oregon/Arizona /New Mexico and do it again and again, then come up and ask for another penny on the taxes. He talked about things that he has seen with no solution, no principals, and no character.

Chris Huysman talked about it is getting to budget season. He asked how many Commissioners know how many dollars are the taxable assets; 1.7 billion dollars, and what 1¢ is on the tax base; \$170,000. He talked about the budget increases coming up and named a couple of issues; Schools, New River and new park for a quick total of \$1,700,000 of new spending or 3% increase or a 10¢ tax increase. He explained that this is one option, and he will be back to talk about other options.

Susan Miles said thank you to the five Commissioners who serve along with Donna Shumate, Don Adams, and Karen Evans for their work. She said that she understands that it takes three out of the five for something to pass but she is glad to see lots of votes that don't go all one way.

Chair Richardson asked for additional public comments. None were received. He closed the public comments' portion of the meeting.

Jessica Pevette, BROCC Community Services Block Grant Director, came before the Board to ask for approval to submit their CSBG grant. She reviewed Form 210 for Emergency Assistance Section I and Section II. She explained what these monies can be used for. She further explained that the amount requested is \$109,924 with 1,300 clients to be served. She reviewed Form 212. She asked for questions about Emergency Assistance.

Commissioner Cox and Jessica Pevette talked about these services cover three counties.

Commissioner Smith and Jessica Pevette talked about the BREMCO round-up program.

Jessica Pevette reviewed Form 210 for Family Self Sufficiency Section I and Section II. She explained what these monies can be used for. She further explained that the amount requested is \$107,112 with 38 clients to be served. She reviewed Form 212. She explained that they need approval to submit their grant application.

County Manager Don Adams and Jessica Prevetie talked about the new guidelines where they have to submit the application to the Commissioners prior to the Commissioners' meeting.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve submitting the grant. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator, came before the Board to present the annual report of unpaid taxes that are liens on real property. She explained that as of January 31, 2012, the unpaid taxes are \$921,554.33. She requested an advertising date of April 25 for the delinquent taxes.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to advertise on April 25. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller presented the annual report for the Tax Office. She reviewed activities for the assessment portion of the Tax Office including the number of land transfers, property splits/combinations, amount of acres in the present-use value program, personal property audits, business account audits, elderly/disabled or veterans' exclusion program. She further reviewed the activities for the collections portion of the Tax Office including the amount collected in delinquent taxes, amounts collected through payment agreements/garnishments/attachments, working with the NC Debt Setoff Program. She talked to the Board about upcoming activities of the 2015 revaluation and implementing the new combined motor vehicle/tax system.

Commissioner Smith and Rita Miller talked about the elderly/disabled exemption and the amount is fairly consistent, included in the advertisement and Tax Office staff talks to the elderly as they come in. They further talked about this is an excellent program for the elderly/disabled citizens.

April Hamm, Transportation Director, came before the Board to provide an update on the status of the video camera software and AssetWorks waiver request, which was denied. She read a portion of the email that was received about the denial. She talked about an alternative. She explained that with the AssetWorks program we can use it or can present a maintenance program that meets the guidelines. She read a follow-up email including other options available of if you have an alternative system or another method to provide the information we would like to be informed of the option, it is very important the same information is provided, and they realize that smaller counties may not have use of maintenance software but can provide the same information. She talked about she would like to expand the Excel spreadsheet to give them the information needed without having to purchase the additional software.

County Manager Don Adams asked if this is tied to getting the cameras or not. April Hamm said it is. He said that she is trying a less-staff needed process to comply with the State but now they are tying it to all funding, and this is to keep the Board informed. He explained that we still don't know if they will accept the information. He further explained the point of the update. He reiterated that at this point we will continue to try to get the cameras, it will cost staff time, and they are tying it all funding. April Hamm explained that she is going to do the outline which is due Friday.

Chair Richardson asked if they approve the outline, will this require more work. April Hamm answered yes, and provided examples of the information they want in Raleigh each week.

Commissioner Cox and April Hamm talked about she thinks this will be in compliance and provided examples.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Golden Leaf Initiative that is due February 17. He further talked about that this is a community initiative. He explained that Alleghany in Motion (AIM) is requesting to apply.

April Hamm explained her application including she is proposing employment transportation for two years of an additional \$7,500 per year to add to the State's funding, requesting \$5,000 each year for 2 years for elderly and disabled transportation. She further explained the impact when the EDTAP monies run out. She said she would like to propose health and wellness transportation assistance and provided examples of types of transportation services that could be used. She talked about all trips would be a \$1. She explained that she is requesting \$25,000 over 2 years with using \$3,000 for advertisements.

Chair Richardson and April Hamm talked about the total request is \$50,000.

Commissioner Smith and April Hamm talked about the Golden Leaf stipulations. They talked about she was advised by staff at Golden Leaf to put these programs together as one application.

Commissioner Cox talked about this seems like a worthy cause. April Hamm talked about the employment stipulations. County Manager Don Adams talked about his conversations with Dan Gerlach with Golden Leaf who said could tie it to jobs at other locations outside of AIM. The County Manager explained AIM funding sources.

Chair Richardson asked if anyone objects to April Hamm submitting this application. No one spoke.

County Manager Don Adams talked about there was a request before the Board at the last meeting about Medicaid Transportation and a letter that the Board didn't have. He explained the letter and stated that everyone is still waiting on some answers. He provided examples including the transportation log. He talked about this request is going to be evaluated. He provided another example of the 3% self-audit rate. He further talked about there are a couple of things that if the State would grant them, it would provide some relief. He updated the Board about the current process; all calls are going to Social Services, social worker calls AIM, in the process of creating logs, each social worker is dedicating one day a week to work on this, working on the mandatory gas vouchers/mileage reimbursements process and those will have a significant increase. He reminded everyone that when the transportation is scheduled it must be the cheapest mode of transportation possible and how the old coordinated transportation system worked. He explained that this new system will take significant time, loss of productivity of two social workers and other areas at Social Services could be in noncompliance.

Chair Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about this person would help Social Services and work at AIM.

Commissioner Cox talked about if we continue on with this program through Social Services; it is economically going hurt to AIM. County Manager Don Adams explained that it is going to occur either way and it's going to cost more money and/or service dollars in EDTAP.

Chair Richardson talked about this was tabled the last time because there was no motion. He further talked about after his research he will make the motion to approve this additional request to allow for the assistance at Social Services and AIM. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion for discussion.

Commissioner Smith and John Blevins talked about this letter is the response of the meeting with DMA. John Blevins explained that the federal government audited the State, who was out of compliance, and the State had to submit a corrective action plan. John Blevins stated that they received 172 phone calls at Social Services in one day.

Chair Richardson talked about to be in compliance with this request jeopardizes other compliance areas. John Blevins stated that is correct and explained other penalties.

Commissioner Cox and John Blevins talked about the request for proposals and/or going with a brokerage system is still a possibility. John Blevins further talked about even if they issued the request, it would be July 1 then the brokerage system would be by January. John Blevins talked about as the Board can see from the letter, other counties are not happy. They talked about we had an excellent transportation service. They further talked about the request for proposals could hurt AIM even further. April Hamm agreed. She talked about the harder they make it for the elderly and disabled clients AIM will not be transporting the people because they will find another option.

Commissioner Goudreau pointed out that \$31,818.47 is on the taxpayers of the State with half of the costs being Allegheny County's responsibility. He stated at this point we don't have an answer from the State and to spending money without direction from them is his problem. He talked about following the procedures and being in compliance. He reiterated that is his problem to support this motion.

Chair Richardson asked if this is granted that person will be told this is job contingent upon this. John Blevins answered yes. Commissioner Goudreau said that is not fair to the person and unemployment is another issue. Chair Richardson and John Blevins talked about these employees are already overworked.

Commissioner Cox said that the total County costs will be \$12,909.23. Commissioner Goudreau asked does he understand that it is still tax dollars. Commissioner Cox answered yes.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 4:1 (John Goudreau).

County Manager Don Adams presented a letter from Paul Edwards with the Farmland Preservation Program requesting that Bradford Gambill be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bobby Joe Gambill on the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the proposed Northwestern Regional Library contract update. He explained that this is another 160A agreement between Allegheny, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties. He further explained the reason for the current update because the State has requested minor changes to the contract and the State said if the updates cannot be obtained the Regional Library will lose their State funding. He explained that the Board has three copies of the contract; original from 1999, County Attorney's comments and most recent revision. He said that this is to start the discussion on the contract.

Commissioner Smith talked about when they were looking at this there were some liability questions. He asked the County Attorney if she had looked at the most recent version. She answered yes she had, and it addressed some of her concerns. She talked about trying to shore up some of the liability issues, which they have done.

Commissioner Cox and County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about the current agreement has been in place since 1999. She stated the 1999 version is the most recent version.

Commissioner Cox read a portion of the proposed version that states the Regional Library Board, staff, employees, or other agents shall not have the authority to incur any debt, obligation, liability, or other expense, not otherwise provided for in its existing appropriations, which would purport to place any liability for such debt upon the member counties Board of Commissioners approving such indebtedness. He asked if this is the language that the County Attorney was referring too. County Attorney Donna Shumate answered yes it is.

Commissioner Goudreau asked about language of each county/municipality will pay a mutually agreed upon amount of money necessary. He asked who the mutual is. County Manager Don Adams explained the intent but asked how it needs to be stated. Commissioner Goudreau said he thinks the attorneys need to come up with the language. County Manager Don Adams said it could say the county decides how much money is funded. Commissioner Goudreau agreed.

Chair Richardson asked if there is a deadline to have this done. County Manager Don Adams explained that it needs to be in the next meeting or two in order for it to go to the other counties. Chair Richardson talked about every time there is a change it will be submitted to each county. County Manager Don Adams agreed, and said he will put it on every agenda, if needed.

County Manager Don Adams presented the memorandum of understanding between Appalachian District Health Department and Allegheny County and Allegheny County Extension Service regarding the educational garden initiative. He provided a letter from Teresa Herman. He explained that this is to establish three garden sites. He listed out each group's responsibilities according to the memorandum of understanding. He reviewed the proposed budget in the amount of \$7,000. He further reviewed the letter from Teresa Herman identifying the three sites; Wellness Center, Senior Center, vacant lot on Moxley Street owned by Allegheny County. He continued talking about the site on County-owned property. He reiterated that she is formally requesting permission for a garden site on the Moxley Street site.

Chair Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the motion would be to approve the memorandum of understanding and give permission to use the County-owned property at the Senior Center and on Moxley Road.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the use of the County-owned property at the Senior Center and on Moxley Road. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams stated that there is a jailer position open at a Grade 60, starting at \$22,784.85, and the Sheriff is requesting permission to fill the position.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to fill the open position at the jail. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about this next discussion started with a letter from Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, which got him looking at other surplus items. He explained that they are interested in bidding on a surplus van. He talked about the other vehicles that the County has to be sold. He also talked about some other items that could be sold. He stated that some of the items he will be presenting to Board to be thrown away because they are broken. He said that there are some other things

that could be sold at an auction. He listed out the options to sale the vehicles; public auction, sealed bid process or upset bid process. He explained that his recommendation is an auction or sealed bids.

Chair Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the 2005 Dodge van and 1995 Chevrolet red van. The County Manager talked about the condition of the red van. He talked about replacing the transmission in the 2005 to keep and surplus the red van. Chair Richardson stated that the County Manager is recommending keeping the 2005 Dodge van and putting a transmission in it.

Commissioner Roten, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans talked about how the past auctions have been in the past including the costs for having the auctions.

County Manager Don Adams talked about an auction would be beneficial to clean out the storage area.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to declare the listed vehicles surplus except the 2005 Dodge van with the understanding of repairing/replacing its transmission. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson asked which way to sale the property; auction. The Board said yes.

County Manager Don Adams said there will be another list coming back before the Board to declare the additional items surplus. He explained that he will break it into two lists. He invited anyone to come inspect what he is talking about with the broken items. He said if the Board wants him to sell it, he will.

Chair Richardson talked about he was willing to use the County Manager's discretion.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Planning Board's membership; Betty Stewart has resigned, Bill Brooks and Jason Williams terms' are expiring. He reviewed the options available before the Board; reappoint Bill Brooks and Jason Williams, accept applications from the Glade Creek fire district because that is the area that Betty Stewart represented or accept applications for all three positions.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to reappoint Bill Brooks and Jason Williams for another term and instruct the County Manager to advertise for the vacancy. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about Betty Stewart's term is until March 15, 2013.

Commissioner Roten and County Manager Don Adams talked about alternates serving on the Board.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the request for bids for wood waste grinding. He explained that one bid was received from Cana Contracting in the amount of \$16,500. He further explained that this is a service contract so there aren't any requirements to rebid it.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the bid. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams invited anyone to bid on the project when it goes out to bid next time.

Commissioner Goudreau provided an update on Cascade Highlands. He talked about their memberships and money has been shrinking. He explained that they decided to be inactive until the economy picks up. He talked about it is a good concept but hard to get operating money. He stated that it didn't make sense for it to become a liability.

Chair Richardson and Commissioner Goudreau talked about if this organization revitalized it would qualify with the TDA. Commissioner Goudreau explained that they left it that if the economy picked up they could go forward. They talked about Surry County is taking care of the annual report for the 501 (c) (6).

Commissioner Cox provided an update from the last New River Service Authority Transition Board meeting. He explained the two action items; authorized a retainer to a firm to explore a case against Lowedermilk & Church and was presented with several options about the medical records and they chose the option of \$50,000 for Iron Mountain Imaging to index and purge the records.

Tracy Bottomley passed out information to the Board. He came before the Board with issues regarding with the youth football; sertoma. He explained that sertoma is a league which is managed by a guy in Yadkin County. He stated that there are three issues; dealing with cash money, gentleman not

providing the services that's being paid for, insurance issues. He talked about the County is liable if someone gets hurt on school property. He explained the tax returns for sertoma are for the 11 teams. He further explained that Yadkin County is pulling out of this league. He said that he has taken this to our superintendent for him to address these concerns, which he has worked on. He explained that there is a \$3 gate charge that averages \$1,000-\$1,400 per game with five home games where a County employee takes the gate money to this guy in the total amount of \$6,000-\$7,000. He asked the Board to look at the tax return where the revenues show \$1,770 for the entire league. He talked about we are taking cash money with no receipt and then the money is taken to a golf course for distribution, as with the other counties. He further talked about the kids pay \$35 to play which goes into the County budget to pay for their insurance coverage. He said he will prove later that basically we don't have insurance. He talked about the itemized listing of revenues and expenses showing the \$1,700 gate money which they project \$60,000-\$80,000 and that is a big discrepancy because the 11 teams sends \$6,000-\$8,000 each per year. He further talked about a sertoma project called Heritage Foundation where they take monies from the gate to fund other counties scholarships without Alleghany's knowledge. He explained that there is a set of rules that was agreed upon. He further explained the expenses for equipment is \$0 for five years and the original agreement is for equipment to be replaced every three years. He used an example of helmets. He said this is a management issue, and we do have a local sertoma board. He further said that we are giving this guy our money, so what they have done is present this to Dr. Cox who created a list/letter, sent it certified to Charles Collins about having an audit by January 31, 2012, produce insurance documents from the last two years, show a general ledger/balance sheets/bank records. He explained that this gentleman provided them very little information. He described the two types of insurance; medical and general liability. He explained that medical was provided by Nationwide and was covered. He further explained that the balance sheet shows Mr. Collins has spent \$58,571 on equipment that wasn't on the tax returns, takes money out of the cash to pay the officials so then shows that he paid them again, balance sheet shows the league sent him \$731 for insurance, amount Alleghany sent was more than that for insurance and the information required for insurance protection. He stated that this paper was presented as the general ledger. He talked about looking at Alleghany's home games and he is telling everyone that there was \$103 profit at the last game which was a breast cancer awareness event which had an estimated 700 people in attendance but he says there were 30 some paying customers. He continued explaining the general ledger. He talked about equipment that is shown on the ledge that he personally paid for himself. He explained that we asked the local board about pulling out and forming a new conference and during this process was asked to prove all of this, so they did. He said that they did not come into this to hurt anyone. He further said that one thing that bothers him is there are a lot of volunteer coaches spending a lot of time with the kids without background checks being done. He stated that they tried to put together a package to make this work better. He talked about the deadline of January 31, local board met on February 2 and still don't have the documents. He further talked about the general liability official insurance binder; one for Yadkin County Schools in the amount of \$2,000,000 and one for Alleghany County Schools in the amount of \$500,000. He explained that he called the insurance company and gave them the Yadkin County policy number but learned it doesn't exist with that effective date. He said that based on their research, this is a bogus claim. He talked about Moore Moxley Insurance listed on the paper is the gentleman who runs the league. He urged the Board to call to verify this information.

Jeff Collins, Farm Bureau insurance agent, said that they have been accused of being on a witch hunt but this is about the kids, the kids' safety and the coaches' safety. He explained that they were asked to join the organization, and he isn't a member of the organization. He reviewed his insurance experience. He talked about Yadkin County's liability policy. He asked about liability to cover the coaches and the liability of getting sued as a coach. He explained they asked to fax a copy of the binder, and he displayed the sheet of paper that was faxed to the superintendent. He further explained that the problem is special events are covered with the following exceptions; events including contact sports including football where regular physical contact is expected. He reiterated that is an exclusion in the policy. He said the problem is transparency. He asked why someone would not fax the entire thing.

Tracy Bottomley explained that the entire policy was requested but the information the Board has is what was provided.

County Manager Don Adams said he can only repeat what he has heard and asked a question about document 4, which is the policy to cover the kids. Jeff Collins explained that is the medical excess for the kids. The County Manager asked does this cover cheerleaders and coaches. Jeff Collins stated cheerleaders yes; coaches no and explained it. The County Manager reiterated yes this covers the children. Jeff Collins said yes, and the only question would be how many kids are listed on the policies because it is figured on the number of the children. The County Manager talked about the exclusion on the contact, and we are covering the excess on the kids on 4 and on the liability portion on 5 it has an exclusion for the contact but it does cover liability for other things. Jeff Collins stated that 4 is medical only with no liability.

Tracy Bottomley asked does the County have the policy. The County Manager answered no.

Jeff Collins talked about Tracy Bottomley's comment about the difference in amounts for Yadkin and Alleghany where he pointed out mistakes on the policy; policy number is wrong, policy effective dates of September 2010 to September 2011, renewal date at the beginning of the season of August, binder date, and policy had lapsed on 2/7/11. He talked about questions need to be asked. He further talked about a special event policy. He asked the Commissioners to call and ask about the effective dates and don't take no for an answer. He said that they are trying to form the new league, and they aren't going to take one dollar because the money will go back to the schools to ensure that there is proper equipment to protect children from being injured. He talked about the need to have full copies of the policies, look for exclusions, ask questions, transparency in everything, exchanging money in paper bags is ridiculous, and find out how many kids were covered on the policy last year. He said that it's time to get something done to protect the children, coaches and counties.

Commissioner Smith asked a question about Dr. Hobbs' letter about the middle school football program. Jeff Collins answered that you will probably see the middle school join in the high school and explained Yadkin County is playing Surry and some of Stokes.

Tracy Bottomley stated that it is clear that Yadkin has pulled out of sertoma. He said that his question is joining together to create a new league. He talked about wanting take the responsibility off the recreation department and the counties.

Commissioner Roten and Tracy Bottomley talked about security money that is listed for Alleghany but it isn't paid here. They talked about the seed money to be able to make change for the next game. Tracy Bottomley stated that they are asking for the blessings of this Board to pull out of the sertoma league, and he felt like this information should be made public.

Commissioner Cox and Commissioner Smith talked about the sertoma board meeting; safety concern, money and insurance are the three concerns of the local board. Tracy Bottomley explained that this isn't the first time Dr. Cox asked for information, certified mail asking for items, didn't get the items asked for and if he hadn't called a couple of County Commissioners it would have been swept under the rug.

County Manager Don Adams said that he knows that the sertoma board was moving along and working on this including how the cash was handled and changed the procedures to handle money and looked at the tax information.

Tracy Bottomley talked about the timing of purchasing football equipment. He further talked about this thing has been going on and on plus it's above their heads because of the illegal activity involved.

County Manager Don Adams said that the only thing he took exception to was the Board would sweep it under the rug when there was been action taken because the superintendents from multiple counties have been meeting, discussing this and following up. He agreed about the need to move faster and a need for more answers but has issues with claiming that Commissioner Smith or he was going to sweep it under the rug. Tracy Bottomley said he didn't mention names but stated that they need an answer now.

The County Manager updated everyone about how Alleghany County government became involved with the league and the history of what has been occurring from the beginning to now, and the reason why he got on the sertoma board. He talked about the Recreation Department handles every other sport from start to finish except sertoma. He said the question today and for Alleghany County is about the Recreation Director and the Recreation Department as to what level of participation is Alleghany County going to do.

Chair Richardson said he is going to ask Commissioner Smith and the County Manager to take this information and bring it back with a recommendation for this Board.

Commissioner Smith said he thinks it was a couple of months ago that he received the information then went to Dr. Cox. He provided a history of sertoma starting years ago and how it has evolved.

Kevin Spurlin explained that they are only asking for an opportunity to present a better way of doing business with youth football, would like to meet with the superintendents about a conference model with complete transparency and instead of the opportunity to present it was said to prove why we should get out. He explained that they did not start this journey to hurt anyone because they are trying to do what is best for the kids and think there is a better way to do this. He further explained that this shouldn't have been on Don Adams and David Evans to begin with. He explained that their model would take the responsibility off of the County, and all they are asking is an opportunity to present a clean, transparency conference model to cover everyone involved with the monies staying in the county. He talked about the sports club that Mr. Collins talked about where they have monies sitting in their accounts to buy

equipment. He further talked about how they would be willing to assist with equipment purchases with the schools. He reiterated that all they are asking is for an opportunity to present.

Chair Richardson said what has been presented tonight is great information for informational purposes and most of the Commissioners are seeing this for the first time. He further said all he is saying is that the County Manager and Commissioner Smith bring something back to the Board to vote on. He talked about Tracy Bottomley said there will be more information coming. He said that he doesn't think the Board can make a decision today.

County Manager Don Adams asked what the Commissioners are actually voting on. He talked about the Board of Education and the Board of Education property. He further talked about the only reason the property is in the County's name is because money was borrowed on the property for the schools but the schools have control over the property. He talked about what everyone is actually talking about is if removing the Recreation Department from the picture then what participation does Alleghany County have in this. He reiterated that if he heard correctly is that you feel like you have a self-sufficient program to run on its own, to raise enough money to purchase and to pay for its own insurance and if Alleghany Recreation Department is removed from the registration role he isn't really sure what the Commissioners would vote on.

Jeff Collins pointed out that Yadkin County Commissioners have nothing to do with the football league. He said that the most important issue is liability if a kid gets hurt.

Tracy Bottomley said he has no problem with the Recreation Department running it if it is run correctly.

Commissioner Roten said he personally thinks the Commissioners should look into the insurance issue because the County wrote the check. He talked about contacting the insurance commissioner to look into this because if there is any insurance fraud they will handle it. He said the other issue is handling the money and the rest of it isn't up to the Commissioners.

County Manager Don Adams said that cash should not be handled like that and when it was brought to his attention procedures were changed to properly handle cash.

Commissioner Roten reiterated that is the only two issues that this Board should be concerned about.

County Manager Don Adams said another question is does Alleghany County continue with it at all. He gave examples of the involvement of the Recreation Department. He reiterated that there are significant differences between sertoma and the other sports.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to have the County Attorney contact the Commissioner of Insurance and request for this to be looked into to see if there is any insurance fraud. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Goudreau stated that he will get copies of Mr. Smith's papers that was provided earlier in the meeting to the Board and County Attorney and will place the topic on the next agenda

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to enter into closed session at 9:33pm under NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3)—legal (a) (6)—personnel. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn closed session at 10:37pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson stated that no decisions were made during closed session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Ken Richardson
Chairman