

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 6.30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the Town Administration Building, 304 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, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

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

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the agenda for this March 7, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0

AGENDA
Monday, March 7, 2016
6:30 PM

6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for March 7, 2016, Meeting
Motion on Minutes for February 1, 2016 Meeting

6:35 A. General Business

1. Appoint Clerk to the Board. Action Requested – Vote to appoint Lauren Linker as the Clerk to the Board.
2. Special Called Meeting regarding the proposed 1/4¢ Sales and Use Tax. A special called meeting needs to be tentatively scheduled at the end of March to discuss the proposed ¼ cent sales tax. Action Requested – Vote to schedule this meeting for either March 28 or March 29.
3. Transportation Fund Budget Amendment # 2 for insurance proceeds. Action Requested – Vote on Transportation Fund Budget Amendment #2 in the amount of \$1,598.
4. General Fund Budget Amendment # 13 for Medical Examiner Fees. Action Requested – Vote on General Fund Budget Amendment #13 in the amount of \$4,000.
5. Library Renovation Project. Bids for the project were received 2/16/16. A low bid of \$706,000 was submitted by Garanco, Inc. After reviewing references, lists of projects completed and their bonding company, it is recommended to award the contract to Garanco, Inc. Action Requested – Vote to approve a “Notice of Contract Award” to Garanco, Inc. for the Library project.
6. Reimbursement Resolution. Alleghany County is still waiting to hear back from USDA in regard to the \$306,525 interest free REDLG loan application. An approved reimbursement resolution allows expenses incurred now on the library project to be reimbursed by loan funds at a later time. Action Requested – Vote on the Reimbursement resolution.
7. Transfer Facility. General discussions regarding upcoming repairs and the potential need to temporarily close the facility. Not action requested.

E. Public Comments—30 minutes

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams recommended to the Board that Lauren Linker be appointed as the clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to appoint Lauren Linker as the Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

The Commissioners discussed the best date and time to have a meeting to discuss the 1/4¢ Sales and Use Tax.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to call a special meeting on March 29, 2016 at 5pm to discuss the one-quarter cent (1/4¢) sales and use tax. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Leys asked what the insurance proceeds were for in Transportation Budget Amendment.

County Manager Don Adams informed the Board that the money was for an accident that occurred on Main Street.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the Transportation Budget Amendment #2 in the amount of \$1,598. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment #13 for Medical Examine Fees in the amount of \$4,000. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Don Adams explained the paper enclosed in each packet was from the architect recommending the Library Renovation project be awarded to Garanco Inc. County Manager Don Adams went on to explain that in the plans from Garanco Inc. They had allowed options for the Library Board. There were 3 different alternatives 1) redoing the front entrance 2) shoring up the flooring so the books can be put anywhere in the building or 3) is taking out the skylights. County Manager Don Adams stated that the third option was a deduction option, if the Library Board needed to save some money they could take the skylights out. Including both of the addition alternatives the total amount was \$706,000. He then went on to talk about the other bids that were received for the project and the other prices ranged up to \$739,000. County Manager Don Adams said he recommended not changing the budget at this point.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to accept and reward the bid to Garanco Inc. as recommended by the County Manager. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith asked County Manager Don Adams if he had been in contact with people from Garanco Inc. County Manager Don Adams answered yes, he had as well as talked dates and they were thinking they could be on site by mid-April

County Manager Don Adams explained what a reimbursement resolution was and why the County needed to pass the resolution. He explained the resolution would allow them to spend money and then reimburse themselves with the loan money once it is approved. He also explained having not heard back about the loan yet and Garanco Inc. planning to be on site in mid-April the Board just needs be aware of the situation.

Chair Smith asked if it was normal to be uneasy about not hearing back from the loan before the project begins.

County Manager Don Adams assured Chair Smith that it will be fine. He explains that the loan is through the Federal Government so it always takes a while to be processed, but there is no reason the County should not receive the loan.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the resolution of intent to reimbursement. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Don Adams explained that there was an accident at the land field with a pillar that holds the roof structure. He explained that it will need to be closed 3 or 4 days to repair the problem. He said they were looking at many different options to fix it, but it is a major support to the roof system.

Commissioner Irwin asked if one of the work days could be on a Sunday so it would not have to be closed to the public as long.

County Manager Don Adams said right now they were thinking it would be closed a Thursday through a Monday just out of caution.

Chair Smith opened the public comments' portion of the meeting and asked for comments. None were received. He closed that portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Evans asked that people please go vote.

Commissioner Irwin encouraged the citizens to go vote, vote for the bond and for the one-quarter cent (1/4¢) sales tax. He also said that the news is doing a great job with explaining both. He also let the Board know that the date has been set for the Veterans Memorial Park Wall dedication it will be April 26th at 4pm.

Commissioner Leys said Jayne Phipps-Boger did a great job encouraging the preschoolers to get into reading when they visited Wilkes Community College. She also commented that she was glad to see a new business on Main Street in one of the vacant buildings and welcomed Baywood Boys Restaurant.

Commissioner Irwin talked about the Veterans Choice Program and that Alleghany Memorial Hospital is an accepted hospital by the VA as well as 6 or 7 doctors in Sparta. He said it was great to have doctors so close and not have to travel so far away. He also informed the Board that there were roughly 1,100 veterans in the county which was about 10% of the population. He also thanked Commissioner Leys and County Manager Don Adams for their help and support with this program for the veterans of this county.

Commissioner Leys said she is looking forward to the future of the program.

County Manager Don Adams said they would be giving a more formal presentation to the Board a little later.

Commissioner Irwin wanted to let veterans know that they have to join the VA to be able to use the benefits from them.

County Manager Don Adams said if anyone has any questions please contact his office and he will put them in contact with people to help.

Commissioner Leys added that Amy Lucas is having a canned food drive and encouraged people to donate.

Being no further business, Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Tom Smith
Chair