



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 7th, 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 Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve minutes from 12/17. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, January 7, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 12/17 (pages 1-5)

- A. 6:35 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
 - i. Blue Ridge Grill

- B. 6:50 **Public Agenda Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) specifically listed on this meeting's agenda. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.

- C. 7:00 **Presentations to the Board**
 - i. Jennifer Greene and Elizabeth Kerley, Appalachian District Health Department – Opioid update (pages 6-7)
 - ii. *Nick Hawks – Rural Victims of Crimes grant opportunity **(addition)**

- D. 7:20 **General Business**
 - i. DOT take over of Health Services Road (pages 8-12)

- E. 7:30 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. General Fund budget amendment #21 in the amount of \$950 for code books for Inspections Department. (page 13)

- F. 7:40 **Public Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) requiring the attention of the Commissioners. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.

- G. 7:50 **County Manager Comments**
 - i. 2019 propane agreement (pages 14-16)
 - ii. NCDOT Public Transportation Division Strategic Plan Implementation (pages 17-22)

iii. Alleghany PSAP Estimated Funding Distribution FY2020
(pages 23-24)

H. County Commissioner Comments

i. Proposed agenda for retreat (page 25)

I. Adjourn

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business – Blue Ridge Grill

Jordon Edwards gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce. She highlighted Blue Ridge Grill.

Public Agenda Comments

No movement

Presentations to the Board

Jennifer Greene and Elizabeth Kerley, Appalachian District Health Department

Jennifer Greene gave a presentation on addressing the opioid crisis in Alleghany county. She highlighted AppHealthCare’s approach and grant opportunities they are working on.

Elizabeth Kerley went over statistics across the state in comparison to Alleghany county regarding medication overdose deaths, opioids dispensed, unintentional overdose deaths, drugs to combat overdoses and 2018-2020 health priorities.

Elizabeth Kerley outlined AppHealthCare’s collaboration with the Sheriff’s department to implement the Emergency Overdose grant opportunity.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said at the last board meeting with the health department, part of the 18-21 strategic plan was “to promote healthy and safe living, prevent disease, protect our environment.” Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about how this strategy aligns with the goal of the nuisance ordinance from 2018.

Jennifer Greene explained the set of remedies AppHealthCare uses when a public health hazard is reported.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he thinks there is a misunderstanding that the community thinks the county doesn’t need an ordinance because there is a health department. He said he thinks there is a misunderstanding about what the health department does, can do and will do with regard to a nuisance.

Jennifer Greene said if there is risk to the public’s health in the community, citizens are welcome to call the health department and they will investigate. She said the health department is always willing to go and look at any concern the community brings to them.

Nick Hawks, Rural Victims of Crimes grant opportunity

Nick Hawks gave update on a grant opportunity he is pursuing in 2019 for Rural Underserved Victims of Crimes which will create two non-sworn positions with the Sheriff’s department.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to allow Nick Hawks to proceed with pursuing the Rural Victims of Crimes grant. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Business

DOT take over of Health Services Road

County Manager Mike James explained the proposed NCDOT changes to Osborne Road and Health Services Road.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Secondary Road Right of Way agreement. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Comments

County Manager Mike James said we awarded the 2019 propane contract to Blue Ridge Energies.

County Manager Mike James went over the Department of Transportation strategic plan and explained our current funding for AIM.

County Manager Mike James explained our 911 funding.

County Manager Mike James gave an update on the fire in town today and said he appreciated the response from the fire departments.

County Manager Mike James went over the bid recently awarded for a new ambulance.

County Manager Mike James demonstrated RecDesk on the Recreation website.

County Manager Mike James assured Alleghany county citizens the federal government shut down does not impact the local government.

County Commissioner Comments

Chair Evans said the retreat agenda would be finalized next meeting.

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to adjourn. Chair Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chairman