

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and the Alleghany County Board of Elections met in joint session on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 6:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: County: Chair Larry Cox, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner John Goudreau, Commissioner Karen Leys, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans, Elections: Chair Mac Murphy, Member George Sheets and Elections Director Kate Cosner.

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed everyone. He talked about ways for the meeting to proceed.

Mac Murphy stated his appreciation to the Commissioners for this meeting.

Kate Cosner, Elections Director, presented budget information that will impact this fiscal year. She talked about it will be in printing, advertising, election supplies and personnel. She explained each category and the additional expenses needed for the remainder of this budget year due to State law changes.

The Commissioners and Kate Cosner talked about leasing of laptops for the elections. They further talked about provisional ballots.

Kate Cosner continued to explain the additional expenses in the categories of printing, advertising, election supplies and personnel for a total of \$16,485.34.

The Commissioners clarified the amount needed is \$16,485.34 to get through this budget year.

Kate Cosner continued to explain the additional needed monies, purchasing of ballots, and additional personnel needed during one-stop voting.

The Commissioners and Kate Cosner talked about the reasons for the additional personnel needed to meet State law during the one-stop voting period.

Commissioner Leys asked for additional information about what a previous one-stop voting period costs.

Chair Cox and Kate Cosner talked about the need for laptops in the precincts. She explained that this will take the place of the books/labels.

Commissioner Smith and Kate Cosner talked about the additional training needed to educate poll workers regarding the new State laws.

Commissioner Davis and Kate Cosner talked about the Board of Elections will not be making ID cards, at this time.

Kate Cosner clarified that everyone will be asked to show their ID during the voting process, and every voter will be provided a list of acceptable IDs in order to vote at the following election.

Commissioner Leys and Kate Cosner talked about Mrs. Cosner has seen the forms from DMV about registering to vote, and Mrs. Cosner said she can talk to them about putting things on the DMV signs to show people where they can get their IDs.

Commissioner Goudreau clarified that this isn't a requirement for the 2014 election and people have more time to get their ID by 2016.

Commissioner Leys and Kate Cosner talked about the Board of Elections will be using laptops for the upcoming town election.

Kate Cosner explained the process for people voting with the poll workers using the laptops.

Commissioner Leys and Kate Cosner talked about the costs associated with voter ID cards, the voter's 2nd notice and NCOA cards.

Commissioner Smith and Kate Cosner talked about the biggest expenses are laptops and personnel.

Commissioner Leys asked Kate Cosner to ask Jeff Cox about working with the schools about laptops.

George Sheets talked about the need to find out the costs of the software first when looking at purchasing the laptops rather than leasing them.

Commissioner Goudreau and Kate Cosner talked about confidentially issues with the schools using the laptops.

Commissioner Leys and Kate Cosner talked about the laptops will be for every election. The County Manager explained his and Kate Cosner's conversation during budget time of \$2,500 for 10 laptops versus \$10,000 for 17 laptops now is where the concern is coming from.

Commissioner Davis and Kate Cosner talked about the statutory change of the machines will be discussed during the budget process.

Commissioner Goudreau summarized that Kate Cosner is going to look into purchasing the laptops rather than leasing then putting this on a future agenda.

County Manager Don Adams explained the new needed amount, and if the Board is comfortable with it then put it on a future meeting to pass the budget amendments to put the money in place.

Commissioner Smith stated his appreciation to Kate Cosner for her work on this.

Commissioner Leys asked Kate Cosner to look into the lease to purchase as a possibility and the breakdown in detail for the one-stop personnel costs last time.

County Manager Don Adams explained the additional personnel costs is \$2,900.

Chair Cox thanked everyone for coming to this meeting.

Being no further business, Commissioner Leys made a motion to adjourn at 7:03pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Larry Cox
Chairman