



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, October 5th, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

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

**AGENDA**  
Monday, October 5, 2020  
6:00 pm

6:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda

6:05 **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; please use the sign-up sheet provided.

A. 6:20 **General Business**

- i. Inmate insurance renewal (pages 1-5)
- ii. Fire Services contract (pages 6-10)
- iii. Telephone RFP revisions (pages 11-15)
- iv. Alleghany Arts Council grants committee letter (page 16)
- v. Revised CRF Interlocal Agreement (pages 17-21)
- vi. Resolution in support of the Town of Sparta proposed safety package for Hwy 18 and Sparta Parkway
- vii. Billing practices and payments

B. 6:50 **County Manager Comments**

- a. September building inspections report (page 22)

C. 7:00 **County Commissioner Comments**

D. **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to  
G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

E. **Adjourn**

**General Business**

**Inmate Insurance Renewal**

Assistant County Manager, Drew Temple explained the Inmate Insurance Renewal.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Inmate Insurance Renewal. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### VFD contract

There was discussion about the revisions to the VFD contract.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to defer the VFD contract until the midmonth meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Telephone RFP revisions

Commissioner John Irwin explained his recommendation to remove the POTS language as well as 2-hour battery backup from the RFP. He recommended generalizing the RFP so as not to limit the bidders.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the telephone RFP until the midmonth meeting. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Alleghany Arts Council grant committee letter

Chair Bill Osborne explained the Alleghany Arts Council grant committee letter.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the grant letter. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Interlocal Agreement

Assistant County Manager, Drew Temple explained the final Interlocal Agreement draft submitted by the Town of Sparta.

County Attorney, Donna Shumate questioned a section that had been stricken from the agreement.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the interlocal agreement until midmonth so County Attorney, Donna Shumate could talk with Town Manager, Ryan Wilmoth about why a section was stricken. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Resolution in support of the Town of Sparta

Mayor, Wes Brinegar explained the Town of Sparta's position regarding the Hwy 18 and Sparta Bypass intersection.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to support the Town of Sparta as the lead on this safety project. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Billing practices and payments

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to put the billing practices and payments on the mid-month agenda. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### **County Manager comments**

Assistant County Manager, Drew Temple explained the September inmate medical insurance bill will be billed 15 days at the old rate and 15 days at the new rate.

Drew Temple encouraged everyone to look over the building inspection report.

Drew Temple said County Manager, Michael Carter has a roofing design meeting Thursday at 3 pm at the courthouse. She said E. Luke Green is doing the internal moisture abatement and they should be here the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **County Commissioner comments**

Commissioner John Irwin said COVID-19 is hitting the county and encouraged people to pray for the president and first lady.

Commissioner Larry Prince said it is important to take COVID-19 seriously and wear a mask.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the loader at the transfer station is down again.

County Attorney, Donna Shumate said she is working with David Spicer to get the warranty information on the loader.

Chair Bill Osborne said COVID-19 has cranked up in the county and encouraged citizens to wear masks.

Chair Bill Osborne said next Saturday is Movement on the Mountain at the Higgins Fairground.

Commissioner Mark Evans encouraged everyone to vote.

**Request for Closed Session**

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to enter in to closed session to include David Spicer. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne said there was no action taken during closed session.

There was a motion and second to adjourn. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman