



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 10:00 am 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 Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

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

AGENDA
Monday, February 17, 2020
10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
- A. 10:05 **Public Comments/Agenda Items:** 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.
- B. 10:10 **Presentations to the Board**
- i. Rick Farmer – 2020 Census
 - ii. Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business – Winterwood Farms
 - iii. Karen O'Leary – Cycle NC
- C. 10:20 **General Business (Board action requested)**
- i. Tom Kilby – Children's Center of Northwestern NC "Tribunal Court"
 - ii. Karen Evans, Finance Officer – Commercial Solid Waste releases
 - iii. Megan Edwards, Recreation Director
 - a. Piping creek and clearing trees at Fire Training Facility
 - b. Lion's Club dirt/bank
- D. 10:30 **General Business (no action)**
- i. Fire tax discussion
 - ii. Rescue tax discussion
- E. 10:45 **Consent Agenda (Board action requested)**
- i. Soil Water Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of (\$1,955) to correct fund balance per audit (page 1)
 - ii. E911 Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$49,999 for Emergency Medical Dispatchers software (page 2)

- iii. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 4-12)
 - a. License Plate Agency month end report
 - b. January auto refunds
 - c. January real and personal property refunds
 - d. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - e. Solid Waste request for release

F. 10:50 **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. 11:00 **County Manager Comments**

- i. January building inspection report (page 3)

H. 11:10 **County Commissioner Comments**

I. **Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11.(a)-(3) Legal, 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

J. **Adjourn**

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comments.

Presentations to the Board

Rick Farmer – 2020 Census

Rick Farmer gave a 2020 Census presentation.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained a Complete Count Committee has not been formed at this time.

Rick Farmer gave some ideas of what the Complete County Committee could do before the census starts in March.

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Karen O’Leary introduced Winterwood Farms as the Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business.

Lizabeth Roupe highlighted Winterwood Farms.

Karen O’Leary – Cycle NC

Karen O’Leary explained Cycle NC.

General Business

Tom Kilby – Children’s Center of NWNC “Tribunal Court”

Tom Kilby explained Teen Court and proposed the Tribunal Court Program for Alleghany county.

County Attorney, Donna Shumate said the lower court room is not suitable to hold this Tribunal Court program.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve using the main court room for Tribunal Court. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Karen Evans, Finance Officer – Commercial Solid Waste releases

Karen Evans, Finance Officer explained the need to “clean up” the commercial solid waste releases.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve commercial solid waste releases. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Karen Evans asked if in the future, commercial solid waste releases could be put on the consent agenda. The board concurred.

Megan Edwards, Recreation Director

Piping creek and clearing trees at Fire Training Facility

Megan Edwards, Recreation Director explained the proposal to clear the trees 20-30 feet from Bledsoe Creek and said there is an overflow for a privately owned pond flooding the property.

Chair Bill Osborne explained the idea to pipe the overflow to Bledsoe Creek.

Megan Edwards explained there is money in the Fairgrounds Repair and Maintenance line item for this project.

Chair Bill Osborne said he spoke to the Maintenance and they can complete this project.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the fire training piping project until the March mid-month meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Lion's Club dirt/bank

Megan Edwards said the bank at Lion's Club has been sloped and the dirt moved to Sparta field.

Megan Edwards opened the discussion about whether more dirt needed to be removed from Lion's Club or if the board wanted to bring in 20-25 loads of gravel to expand parking.

Megan Edwards said the parking situation needs to be remedied by April to utilize the expanded parking.

Megan Edwards explained there is a culvert at the Fairgrounds that could be used at Lion's Club.

County Manager, Michael Carter asked if the board would give staff time to get some ideas together to remedy the dirt/gravel situation.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the Lion's Club dirt/bank discussion until the March mid-month meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Fire tax discussion

Commissioner John Irwin explained problems our volunteer fire departments are facing.

Rescue tax discussion

Commissioner John Irwin explained problems our rescue squad is facing.

Commissioner John Irwin recommended not having more than four members of the Complete Count Committee. He recommended Karon Edwards, Vickie Scott and Susan Nilo comprise the committee.

Commissioner John Irwin made a recommendation to table the Complete County Committee until the first meeting in March.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he would like more people included than the previous recommendation.

Consent Agenda

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator explained the reason to deny the solid waste release.

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

Cole Edwards explained the Alleghany County License Plate Agency yearly report.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter encouraged the board to look at the building inspection report.

County Manager, Michael Carter said as of this morning, there are approximately 30 open work orders.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Mark Evans said he, Commissioner Larry Prince and Assistant County Manager, Drew Temple attended the Opportunity Now Summit and explained the sessions they participated in.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said volunteer day for clean up at the Fairgrounds is February 29th and March 7th.

Chair Bill Osborne said the Soil and Water speech contest is February at the Emerson Black building.

Commissioner Larry Prince said he is looking forward to the Ag Banquet tomorrow night.

Commissioner John Irwin said early voting has begun and encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner John Irwin spoke about dumping on Walnut Creek Branch Rd.

Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11.(a)-(3) Legal, 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to go into closed session to include April Hamm, HR Officer. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to authorize the county attorney to negotiate the property at Osborne Rd. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Adjourn

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman