



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 6:30 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 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.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve minutes from 12/20 and 1/6. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, February 3, 2020
6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 12/20/19 and 1/6/20 work session (pages 1-4)

- A. 6:35 **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. 6:45 **General Business (Board action requested)**
 - i. Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection County (pages 5-6)
 - ii. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 7-57)
 - a. NCGS 105-369- Report of 2019 unpaid tax and set date for advertisement of tax liens
 - b. NCGS 105-322- Set dates for 2020 Board of Equalization and Review Hearings
 - iii. Megan Edwards, Recreation Director – excavating bids
 - iv. Transfer Facility Fund budget amendment #3 in the amount of \$164,706 for entire loader lease (page 58)
 - v. Budget committee (pages 59-60)
 - vi. Tiffany Boyer, Transportation Director (pages 61-124)
 - a. Second Chance Policy
 - b. Title VI Program Plan
 - v. Nick Hawks – 911 Communications update

- C. 7:00 **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.

D. 7:05 **County Manager Comments**

E. **County Commissioner Comments**

- i. John Irwin – Realignment of PSAP within county organization

F. **Adjourn**

Public Comments/Agenda Items

Bob Bamberg spoke about suicide in Allegheny county and asked that specific wording be added to the Second Amendment Resolution.

General Business

Second Amendment Constitutional Rights protection County Resolution

Sheriff Bryan Maines reiterated his support of the Constitution and the Second Amendment.

Eddie Prince urged the commissioners to pass the Second Amendment resolution.

Mike Dubose voiced his concerns over the wording of the Second Amendment resolution.

Robert Melvin said he stands behind the Constitution the way it is written and he hopes the commissioners will too.

Commissioner Mark Evans asked for the word “individual” to be added to the Second Amendment resolution including Bob Bamberg’s request.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the Second Amendment resolution to include Bob Bamberg’s second paragraph. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the recommended advertisement date for unpaid taxes. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve April 14th and 16th beginning at 6:30 pm for the Board of Equalization and Review meetings. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Megan Edwards, Recreation Director – excavating bids

Megan Edwards explained the excavating bids and recommended accepting the bid from S & T Grading.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the bid from S & T Grading. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Megan Edwards explained the offer for S & T Grading to install a box drain and pipe at the field behind the school bus garage.

Recreation job description

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the Recreation job description. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Transfer Facility Fund budget amendment

Michael Carter explained the Transfer Fund budget amendment.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve Transfer Facility Fund budget amendment #3. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Budget committee

Michael Carter explained the benefits of forming a budget committee and his recommended composition for the committee.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the budget committee. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Tiffany Boyer, Transportation Director

Tiffany Boyer explained her request for updated Allegheny in Motion policies.

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

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Title VI Program Plan. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Nick Hawks – 911 Communications update

Nick Hawks explained the history of the Sheriff's Department's commitment to bringing EMD to Allegheny county and proposed using PowerPhone.

Nick Hawks explained the \$53,000 estimate for PowerPhone includes in-house training.

There was discussion between the board, Nick Hawks and Michael Carter about multi-phase implementation of EMD.

County Manager comments

Michael Carter said he, Drew Temple and Bryan Edwards have had a preliminary conversation about the well-site at the Fairgrounds.

Michael Carter said Charles Gerstel agreed to meet with him about the Transfer facility and how to reach compliance.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin explained the issues with expanding EMD at the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Larry Prince said comments at the last meeting about the board carelessly spending were not fair to the commissioners in the public arena.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he serves on a steering committee for the NCACC and he attended a meeting last week with regards to fire departments, fire taxes and volunteer challenges across the state.

Commissioner Mark Evans said Allegheny Lives in cooperation with Vaya Health screened a documentary about suicide called "The Ripple Effect" and encouraged people to watch it.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the health department recently shared a survey of high school students about suicide and encouraged everyone to reach out if you see or hear of someone in distress.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin proposed two clean-up days for the Fairgrounds and said the Ag Banquet is February 18th at Alexander Hall.

Chair Bill Osborne said the joint meeting with the Town Council is March 30th at 6:30 pm and thanked everyone for supporting the Second Amendment resolution.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman