

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, October 10, 2006, at 7:40pm in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 90 South Main, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Eldon Edwards, Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Graylen Blevins, Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon, Commissioner Ken Richardson, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Eldon Edwards called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda for this October 10, 2006, meeting. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Tuesday, October 10, 2006
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order
Motion on Agenda for October 10, 2006 meeting
County Business
1. Housing Grants
 2. Mental Health Interlocal Agreement
 3. County Facilities
 4. Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams talked to the Board about the housing grant that was mentioned last month. He stated that the \$200,000 grant is due Friday. He explained the grant cycle and how it corresponds to the CDBG housing grant and the Urgent Repair Grant. He further explained how he had contacted different organizations for assistance with this program. He stated that he had been approached by the Boone Housing Authority to do this for Alleghany County, but this afternoon he was notified that they are no longer interested. He talked about working with New River Community Partners and High Country Council of Governments to submit these grants. He further talked about people involved with this project should have housing grant work experience.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins made a motion to approve partnering with New River Community Partners and/or High Country Council of Governments to submit both of these grants with the understanding that up to 25% of \$200,000 could be split between those groups, as well as the hard costs associated with the \$75,000. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he does not have a new version of the Mental Health Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Ken Richardson stated that he has Draft #6. He talked about it doesn't have any new changes since the changes discussed at the October 2nd meeting. He stated that if the final document has major changes, he will bring them back to the Commissioners.

County Attorney Donna Shumate talked about two blanks on the Agreement will need to be filled in.

Commissioner Ken Richardson agreed and stated that they talked about that earlier today. He talked about appropriate levels for the fund balance.

County Manager Don Adams informed the Board that the courthouse move date is November 15. He explained that the substantial completion date has been moved from September 16 to October 17 due to change orders and additional work required.

County Manager Don Adams talked about parking issues at the County Office Building since Brown's Restaurant has opened. He stated that he has spoken to Bryan Edwards, Richard Doughton and Doug Brown about the issue. He reminded the Board that the Transportation Department will be moving to the County Office Building around the first of the year.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon talked about leaving the situation alone until Transportation moves.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he has asked Larry Davis to price fencing and gates for the parking lot. He explained how the parking was going to work when Transportation moves.

Commissioner Warren Taylor stated that he thinks we should try to control the parking with signage first.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he will try the signage. He talked about when Transportation moves to the building.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon stated to go ahead and get prices in case the signage doesn't work.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Town is already getting complaints and fencing will make that issue worse.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins, Commissioner Ken Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the Town's zoning ordinance and business districts.

Being no further business, Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Eldon Edwards
Chairman