



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 1st, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Chair Mark Evans said there would be an addition to the agenda; approval of a POW bench at Veteran's Park.

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

Commissioner Larry Prince motioned to approve 9/15/18 and 9/17/18 minutes. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, October 1, 2018

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting Called to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Motion on Minutes from 9/15 and 9/17 (pages 1-6)

- 6:40 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business** – Halsey Drug

- A. 6:50 **Public Agenda Comments:** 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. 7:05 **Presentations to the Board**
 - i. County Marketing update – Dale Caveny and Sarah Dalton

- C. 7:20 **General Business**
 - i. Animal Control Ordinance next steps (Board action requested)
 - ii. NCACC Legislative Goals (pages 7-8)
 - iii. NCACC Steering Committees (pages 9-22)
 - iv. ***Addition** - POW bench at Veteran's Park

- D. 7:50 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. General Fund Budget Amendment #7 in the amount of \$3,269 for new radio in truck for Emergency Management (page 23)

- ii. General Fund Budget Amendment #8 for insurance proceeds from accident (page 24)
- iii. General Fund Budget Amendment #9 for drug task force expenses (rollover from 17/18) (page 25)
- iv. General Fund Budget Amendment #10 for court ordered payment for damage to two courthouse benches (page 26)
- v. Blue Ridge Business Development Center agreement (pages 27-30)

E. 8:05 **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.

F. 8:20 **County Manager Comments**

- i. Transfer Station update
- ii. Sparta School construction update
- iii. Sparta Bypass update
- iv. Upcoming events

G. **County Commissioner Comments**

H. **Adjourn**

Spotlight Business – Halsey Drug

Jordon Edwards highlighted new Chamber of Commerce members, a ribbon cutting and presented on Halsey Drug as the spotlight business.

Katee Hettleman announced the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet in November.

Public Agenda Comments

Molly Dubose shared information about the Blue Ridge Read.

Presentation to the Board

Sarah Dalton gave an update on marketing strategies and their efforts with the mobile app and social media accounts. She highlighted the Fiddler’s Convention, Stone Mountain’s Old Fashioned Day and the Demolition Derby.

County Manager Mike James reported sales tax numbers are up both locally and state-wide.

General Business

Animal Control Ordinance

County Manager Mike James asked that the board clarify how an animal is declared a nuisance and to decide whether to keep the fee with regards to the Animal Control Ordinance.

There was discussion among the board about which animals would be included, funding an Animal Control Officer with the fees or a tax and the board would like input from Maintenance as well as the Sheriff’s Department about our current situation.

NCACC Legislative Goals

NCACC Steering Committees

Chair Mark Evans described how to submit a legislative goal. Chair Evans then went over the various steering committees for NC County Commissioners and said if anyone wanted to submit a goal to let him know.

POW Bench at Veteran's Park

County Manager Mike James circulated a picture of a bench for Veteran's Park.

Commissioner John Irwin said he wanted to know where this bench would go because there is limited space.

Commissioner John Irwin motioned to approve the POW bench design only. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if the radio in the Emergency Management truck was dual-band before he was comfortable approving the budget amendment. He also asked if for clarification on the damages to the court house benches.

County Manager, Mike James said the radio is dual-band and the person who damaged the court house benches was ordered to pay restitution.

Commissioner John Irwin motioned to approve the consent agenda as written. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments

No comments

County Manager Comments

County Manager Mike James said the scales are delivered and the new scale house is in its permanent place. Everything should be operational next week.

County Manager Mike James said we have still not been able to sign off on the final approval on the elevator because it has not been to code.

County Manager Mike James said the traffic light is scheduled to be removed November 1st.

County Manager Mike James highlighted upcoming events.

County Manager Mike James encouraged everyone to pick up a sample ballot from Board of Elections.

County Manager Mike James shared the candidate's forum is next week.

County Manager Mike James recognized Margaret Williams on her outstanding on-site monitoring review of the Subsidized Child Care Assistance program.

County Manager Mike James said the county was awarded the license plate agency contract. NCDMV said if we step aside and let the private entity take over the license plate agency, it would delay the opening 90 days.

Commissioner Smith said a citizen had reached out to him about developing a disc golf course and would like to present at the next evening meeting.

Commissioner John Irwin said citizens are not receiving emergency declaration messages. He said he had received a number of calls about roadside trash.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chairman