



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 22nd, at 10:00 am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda as published. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked that more detail be added to the 1/7 minutes with regard to AppHealthCare's ability to respond to public health concerns. Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the 1/7 minutes until revised. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 1/7 (pages 1-3)
- A. 10:05 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
 - i. Carquest of Alleghany
- B. 10:20 **2018 Local Vendor Recognition**
- C. 10:40 **Resolution honoring Linda Hash on her retirement (page 4)**
- D. 10:50 **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.
- E. 11:00 **Presentations to the Board**
 - i. Steve Mason/Karen Evans, TDA – potential TDA reimbursement and TDA update
 - ii. Lisa Osborne, DSS – 17/18 annual report (pages 5-26)
 - iii. Dare Stromer, BROCC–Community Block Grant update (pages 27-61)
- F. 11:20 **General Business**
 - i. Pest control services proposals (pages 62-77)
 - ii. MOU for fuel depot (pages 78-80)
 - iii. Alleghany County Charters of Freedom (pages 81-83)
 - iv. Business Development Center/Library roof options
- G. 11:30 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. Resolution declaring surplus property

- ii. Resolution Supporting Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Allocation Expansion (pages 84-85)

H. 11:40 **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.

I. 11:50 **County Manager Comments**

- i. December building inspection report (page 86)
- ii. January ABC permits issued (pages 87-89)
- iii. FY2019 ROAP funds (pages 90-91)
- iv. L&P quarterly summary (pages 92-93)
- v. L&P quarterly claims (pages 94-95)

J. **County Commissioner Comments**

K. **Adjourn**

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Jordon Edwards gave a Chamber of Commerce update, introduced the Chamber of Commerce intern, Caleb Osborne and highlighted new members and upcoming events.

Jordon Edwards spoke about Carquest of Alleghany.

Roger Choate thanked the community and announced he will be retiring.

2018 Local Vendor Recognition

County Manager Mike James recognized our local vendors for 2018.

Resolution honoring Linda Hash on her retirement

County Manager Mike James recognized Linda Hash on her retirement.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comments.

Presentations to the Board

TDA

Karen Evans and Steve Mason with the TDA proposed a refund for occupancy tax charged in duplicate to a bed and breakfast owner dating back to 2016 in the amount of \$448.

After discussion, Commissioner John Irwin said there is no way to reconcile the document presented by the TDA against occupancy taxes paid.

Commissioner Prince asked for the TDA to ask for more information from the property owner.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the refund until the first meeting in April. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

Steve Mason gave an update on the TDA.

DSS

Lisa Osborne gave an update on DSS.

Lisa Osborne highlighted Alleghany County DSS's 2017-2018 accomplishments.

Lisa Osborne went over 2017-2018 DSS trends.

Lisa Osborne explained the increase in adult protective services reports. Lisa Osborne also explained how complaints are handled regarding adult protective services.

Lisa Osborne explained the impact the rising number of foster children from Alleghany County has on the DSS staff. She explained she is asking for three positions in the next budget year to keep up with the case load.

BROC

A BROC employee explained how BROC intends to spend the Community Block grant. She asked that the commissioners approve their budget.

There was discussion about extending the approval date so all commissioners could review the entire packet before making a decision.

Commissioner John Irwin commented on a few administrative issues he saw with the BROC paperwork.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the CBG approval until the February 4th meeting. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

General Business

Pest control services proposal

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the contract with Old River Pest Management, LLC. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

MOU for fuel depot

County Manager Mike James explained the verbal agreement between Alleghany County Schools and Alleghany County and this MOU is putting that agreement in writing.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

Alleghany County Charters of Freedom

County Manager Mike James explained he had spoken to the interim county manager in Ashe county and county manager in Burke county about their experiences with Foundation Forward, Inc. and the installation of their Charters of Freedom. County Manager Mike James said those two installations went well with no problems.

There was discussion about copyright infringements and physical location of the Charters of Freedom at Veterans Park.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Charters of Freedom subject to confirming there are no copyright infringements. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

Business Development Center/Library roof options

County Manager Mike James explained the need for a new roof at the BDC/library and replacement of several HVAC units there.

Josh Greene gave options to deal with the old roof including replacing the roof and having a coating applied and the pros, cons and rough costs of both.

There was discussion between the board, Josh Greene and Rex Houck about the roof and HVAC systems.

Consent Agenda

County Manager Mike James explained the Resolution to declare surplus property from, a vehicle from the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:0.

Public Comments

Jessica Jans the High Country Watershed Coordinator with RC&D introduced herself and thanked the commissioners for their partial funding.

County Manager Comments

County Manager Mike James went over the building inspection report through December.

County Manager Mike James went over ABC permits for December.

County Manager Mike James went over the Q3 ROAP disbursement.

County Manager Mike James went over quarterly insurance claims.

County Manager Mike James thanked John Miller at Tristate Components for his donation to the fairgrounds roof project.

County Manager Mike James gave an update from the state realtor board regarding the proposed wording for buying property within a certain distance of a farm in Alleghany County.

County Manager Mike James said Sparta Lights wants to match the fireworks budget for 2019 and move the fireworks to July 6th since the parade is that day.

County Manager Mike James said January 31st there will be a meeting to start the 2019 county calendar for events.

County Manager Mike James said January 30th will be the opening of the license plate agency in the tax office.

County Manager Mike James said Monday, February 18th will be the ribbon cutting for the license plate agency.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bill Osborne commended Linda Hash on her tenure with the county.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he has always been pleased with Linda Hash's performance in the county. He also explained the trademark issue with the bricks at Veterans Park.

Commissioner John Irwin explained the trademark infringement and administrative issues including ordinances that have not been updated in many years and requiring committees moving forward to keep minutes.

Commissioner Prince said Linda Hash as done a great job with the youth of the county.

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Larry Prince
Vice-Chair