



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 7th 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 Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board, Drew Temple.

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

AGENDA

Monday, October 7, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 9/13, 9/16 and 9/27 (pages 1-11)
- 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. 6:35 **Public Hearing Requesting New Road Name: Poppies Way (pages 12-16)**

Alleghany in Motion (pages 17-18)
Public Hearing: Administrative Grant 5311
Public Hearing: Capital Grant 5311
Public Hearing: Operating Grant 5310
- C. 6:40 **Presentations to the Board:**
i. Steve Mason – TDA update
ii. Alleghany Sparta Trail Association (ASTA) update
iii. Communities in Schools – Zach Barricklow
iv. ***Marketing – Ricky Brown, Dale Caveny**
- D. 7:00 **General Business (Board action requested)**

- i. Resolution in Support of HB370 (page 19)
 - ii. Alleghany in Motion – approval to submit (3) grant applications
 - iii. Stormwater Project final balance

- E. 7:15 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. Transportation Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$3,400 for surplus sale proceeds to fund grant payback (page 20)
 - ii. General Fund budget amendment #4 in the amount of \$5,000 for 5K Run for the Claus (page 21)

 - iii. Updated Alleghany County Personnel Policy – EMS Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts addition (page 22)

- F. 7:25 **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. 7:35 **Interim County Manager Comments**
 - i. Liability and Property, Workers Comp Fiscal Year Summary (pages 23-24)
 - ii. Court house drawing and update (page 25)
 - iii. Davis Field update/PARTF grant
 - iv. PSAP discussion
 - v. Recreation Director position update
 - vi. Marketing agreement discussion
 - vii. Fairgrounds financial update
 - viii. September permit report (page 26)

- H. **County Commissioner Comments**
 John Irwin
 - i. County Ordinances
 - ii. County Ordinance bid requirements

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

J. **Adjourn**

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 9/13, 9/16 and 9/27. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

Susan Nilo spoke about her experiences with various afterschool programs in Alleghany county and encouraged the commissioners to support Communities in Schools.

Public Hearing Requesting New Road Name: Poppie's Way

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing requesting new road name: Poppies Way.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public hearing requesting new road name: Poppies Way.

Alleghany in Motion

Tiffany Boyer explained the grant opportunities Alleghany in Motion is pursuing.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for Administrative Grant 5311.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public hearing for Administrative Grant 5311.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for Capital Grant 5311.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public hearing for Capital Grant 5311.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for Operating Grant 5310.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public hearing for Operating Grant 5310.

Presentations to the Board

Alleghany Sparta Trails Association (ASTA) update

Lou Morrison explained the plans Alleghany Sparta Trails Association has for trails in the county.

Lou Morrison asked the board to submit a letter of support as the Town of Sparta did for ASTA to move forward with their trails.

TDA update

Steve Mason gave a TDA update including the current occupancy tax collected, \$32,000.

Steve Mason explained grant requests the TDA has received.

Steve Mason said the occupancy tax budget is approximately \$80,000.

Communities in Schools

Zach Barricklow, Amanda McCarn and Glendora Yarborough gave a presentation about Communities in Schools, programs that started in Alleghany county this week for afterschool care and funding challenges facing this program in the years to come.

Zach Barricklow asked the board to approve a \$50,000 appropriation.

Marketing – Ricky Brown

Ricky Brown explained the proposed future of Marketing/Authentically Alleghany (being relocated to the Chamber of Commerce).

General Business

Resolution in Support of HB370

Chair Mark Evans read HB370.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of HB370. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Alleghany in Motion

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve all 3 Alleghany in Motion grant opportunities. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Stormwater Project final balance

Chair Mark Evans explained the circumstances around the outstanding balance of the stormwater project.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to pay the balance of the stormwater project out of the contingency. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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

Public comments

Jeff Smith reminded everyone of the Pumpkin Chunkin' for Munchkins this Saturday, 10/12 from 10 am-5 pm.

Interim County Manager comments

Chair Mark Evans went over quarterly insurance reports.

Chair Mark Evans explained the 2nd court room drawing and feedback he has received from judges and law enforcement so far.

Chair Mark Evans said we did not apply for PARTF grant this year to help pay for the Davis field expansion because the decision was made after the deadline.

There was discussion among the board about making 2 or 4 fields from the current Davis Field.

Chair Mark Evans explained EMD may not be required.

Commissioner John Irwin said he wants to look into moving PSAP out from under the Sheriff.

Commissioner John Irwin said he is concerned about PSAP because calls are up 50% and no additional dispatchers have been hired.

Chair Mark Evans explained that EMD is not mandated to be moved for us right now because it is under the Sheriff and not under the county.

Commissioner Larry Prince said the board needs clarification from the Sheriff.

There was discussion among the board about Megan Edwards's promotion to Recreation Director and her job description.

Chair Mark Evans said the Fairgrounds financial update is being moved to the mid-month meeting.

Chair Mark Evans said the building permit report is in the back of the board packet.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin read Allegheny county ordinances that are outdated.

Commissioner John Irwin said a committee needs to go through ordinances and clean them up.

Commissioner John Irwin said there need to be additions to the purchasing policy around bids and bidding requirements.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like to set a date with the commissioners to tour Wilkes Community College.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked to have a work session twice a year instead of once a year.

Chair Mark Evans explained the fire district drawing end date is January and they are still on schedule.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin mentioned that Blevins Building Supply offers a Veteran's discount.

Commissioner Bill Osborne said he would also support a work session more frequently than once per year.

Commissioner Bill Osborne thanked Stacy Barker and other employees from Farm Credit for doing a community project to paint the inside of the Emerson Black building.

Commissioner Bill Osborne thanked the Ag Advisory Board and several civic groups in the county for pulling off the Ag Fair.

Commissioner Bill Osborne said all the money for the rodeo and prizes were donated from individuals and groups.

Chair Mark Evans said November 7th, Stone Mountain is having an event where (weather permitting) there will be some controlled burns.

Commissioner John Irwin said the primary is coming early in 2020 and the filing date for offices are Dec. 2-20, 2019.

Commissioner John Irwin apologized for failing realize that the schools also have unfunded mandates.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S.143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel, G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-3) Legal including April Hamm, HR Officer.

Chair Mark Evans said no action was taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman