



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 18th, 2019 at 10:00 am 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 Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to approve minutes from 10/21/19. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, November 18, 2019

10:00 am

10:00 Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

Approval of agenda

Motion on minutes from 10/21 (pages 1-8)

- A. 10:05 **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. 10:15 **Presentations to the Board:**
- i. Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business
Three Crows Metalworks – Diane Morrison
 - ii. Steve Mason, TDA – upcoming board appointment
 - iii. Daniel Roten, Emergency Management
 - a. 2021 Domestic Preparedness Region grant approval
 - b. Out-of-state travel
- C. 10:40 **General Business (Board action requested)**
- i. High Country RPO's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee board appointment – Larry Prince (page 9)

- ii. Unsolicited offer to purchase – PIN #3070477015 (page 10)
- iii. Alleghany County Recreation Commission discussion (page 11)
- iv. Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds – reimbursement

D. 11:00 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)

- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 12-23)
 - a. October auto refunds
 - b. October real and personal property refunds
 - c. Real and personal property releases
 - d. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - e. Solid Waste release requests
- ii. Social Services donations (contingency) (pages 24-25)
- iii. General Fund budget amendment #6 in the amount of \$6,165 for salary increase for Assistant County Manager including FICA & retirement. (page 26)
- iv. General Fund budget amendment 37 in the amount of \$16,379 for lawsuit regarding jail meals. (page 27)

E. 11:15 **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. 11:25 **Interim County Manager Comment**

G. **County Commissioner Comments**

H. **Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

I. **Adjourn**

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment.

Presentations to the Board

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Karen O'Leary gave a Chamber update and highlighted the Chamber of Commerce Banquet earlier this month.

Diane Morrison highlighted Three Crows Metalworks.

Steve Mason, TDA – upcoming board appointment

Steve Mason gave explained the Tourism Development Authority members whose terms are up this month.

Steve Mason said Shirley Richardson and Tommy Smith both expressed interest in continuing on with the TDA board.

Daniel Roten, Emergency Management

Daniel Roten explained the 2021 Domestic Preparedness Region grant. The board agreed to put it on next meeting's agenda as an action item.

Daniel Roten explained the grant for a trailer with cones and signs (approximately \$13,000 worth of supplies) but he will have to travel out of state to pick it up.

General Business

High Country RPO's RTAC board appointment

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to reappoint Larry Prince to the High Country RPO's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Unsolicited offer to purchase – PIN #3070477015

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the unsolicited offer to purchase until the December 16 meeting. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Alleghany County Recreation Commission discussion

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained his concern with the Alleghany Recreation Commission being listed in the Recreation Director's job description and the owner of properties such as the Lions Club Pavilion.

County Attorney, Donna Shumate explained the board could move to dissolve the Alleghany County Recreation Commission.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to dissolve the Alleghany County Recreation Commission. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded.

Megan Edwards, Recreation Director said she met with Phil Trew of the High Country Council of Governments and he said the county could expand Davis Field but would not be eligible for any more PARTF grant money.

Vote 5:0.

Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds – reimbursement discussion

Chair Mark Evans explained the circumstances surrounding the class and travel reimbursement for Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the travel appropriation for Register of Deeds. Commissioner John Irwin seconded.

There was discussion between the board and Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds about the Employment Law course she took, her continuing education requirements and her reimbursement.

Vote 4:1 (aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Chair Mark Evans)

Consent Agenda

There was discussion between the board and Rita Miller, Tax Administrator regarding delinquent taxpayer contracts.

There was discussion among the board about how to proceed with the Assistant County Manager position with regards to Interim County Manager and the reimbursement the county is expecting from our insurance company from the jail meals lawsuit.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments

No comment.

Interim County Manager comments

Chair Mark Evans said he attended a Capital Budgeting course on Friday.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked Finance for getting the Fairgrounds report together and said the county pays approximately \$59,000 annually to run the fairgrounds. He said he hoped Josh Greene, Public Works Director could get a solid cost for the mowing contract next year.

Commissioner Larry Prince said morale is low because of descension among the board.

Commissioner John Irwin said filing begins before our next meeting and encouraged citizens to file.

Commissioner John Irwin gave examples of challenges facing Alleghany county moving forward.

Chair Mark Evans said he believes every member of the board is trying to serve and do the best for the county.

Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to enter in to closed session including April Hamm, HR Officer. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman