



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 4th, 2019 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, and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

There was a motion and a second to approve the agenda. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, November 4, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda

Alleghany County Youth Football K-2 and 3-4 Super Bowl Champions recognition

- A. 6:40 **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. 6:50 **Presentations to the Board:**
- i. Bryan Edwards – Streetscape update
- C. 7:00 **General Business (Board action requested)**
- i. Wilkes Community College 2020-2021 Agribusiness Technology program, letter of support (board action requested) (pages 1-3)
 - ii. Karen Evans, Finance Officer
 - a. BCBSNC contract changes (page 4)
 - b. Capital loan RFPs (pages 5-10)
 - iv. S.R. 1422 (Fox Ridge Road) bridge replacement (pages 11-14)

- v. S.R. 1433 (Ridge Glen Road) bridge replacement (pages 15-18)
- vi. Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board salary discussion

- D. 7:15 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
- i. General Fund budget amendment #5 in the amount of \$7,045 for Hurricane Florence reimbursement to VFDs (page 19)
 - ii. Revaluation Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of (\$55,409) for expense reduction (page 20)
 - iii. Transportation Fund budget amendment #2 in the amount of \$3,402 for insurance proceeds. (page 21)

E. 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.

- F. 7:35 **Interim County Manager Comments**
- i. Alleghany Memorial Hospital Foundation update (page 22)

G. **County Commissioner Comments**

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

I. **Adjourn**

Randy Murphy recognized the Alleghany County Youth Football K-2 and 3-4 Super Bowl champions.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment.

Presentations to the Board

Bryan Edwards, Streetscape update

Bryan Edwards gave an update on the water line and Streetscape project.

Bryan Edwards explained the amended letter of conditions from USDA, the Town of Sparta Capital Project Budget Ordinance, the status of additional funding, timeline of Streetscape and the scope of the PARTF grant updates to be made at Crouse Park.

General Business

WCC Agribusiness Technology curriculum

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to support the WCC Agribusiness Technology curriculum. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Karen Evans, Finance Officer

BCBS contract changes

Karen Evans explained our insurance broker recommended renewing the BCBS contract.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the BCBS contract as presented. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Capital loan RFP

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the BB&T capital loan proposal as recommended. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the BB&T resolution. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Mark Evans explained the 2 bridge replacement projects coming to Alleghany county.

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board salary

April Hamm, HR Officer recommended salary grade 72 for the Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board position.

There was discussion between the board and April Hamm, HR Officer about the logistics of the Assistant County Manager assuming the role of County Manager should the County Manager be incapacitated.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board at salary grade 72. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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

Public comments

Jeff Smith said the Christmas light ceremony is Friday, November 29th in Crouse park and gave an update on Pumpkin Chunkin for Munchkins.

Interim County Manager comments

Chair Mark Evans explained the letter he received from the hospital fundraising foundation.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin urged citizens to be more informed.

Commissioner Larry Prince said the Chamber banquet was very successful.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said people are driving too fast across the scale at the transfer station.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he was very concerned about the morale of county employees.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said a department head essentially told him morale was rock bottom and that department heads and employees have told him how bad morale is.

Commissioner Bill Osborne said Pumpkin Chunkin for Munchkins was a great event, Streetscape is going to be worth it in the end and thanked Town Manager, Bryan Edwards and Mayor, Wes Brinegar for keeping everyone informed.

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

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to enter in to closed session.
Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

There was a motion and second to adjourn. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman