



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 2nd 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, County Attorney, Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/4, 11/6 & 11/18 as written. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, December 2, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 11/4, 11/6, & 11/18 (pages 1-11)
- A. 6:40 **Elect Board Chair**
Elect Board Vice-Chair
Appoint Clerk to the Board
Appoint County Attorney
Review and revise (if necessary) Board appointments (pages 12-14)
Rules of Procedures (pages 15-24)
- B. 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.
- C. 6:50 **Presentations to the Board:**
- D. i. Ginger Collins, Alleghany Writers (page 25)

- E. 7:00 **General Business (Board action requested)**
- i. Nick Hawks, Chief Deputy – housing federal inmates
 - ii. Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Coordinator – 2021 Domestic Preparedness Region grant approval
 - iii. Josh Greene, Public Works Director – request to purchase bucket truck (page 26)
 - iv. Megan Edwards, Recreation Director, Josh Greene – Davis Field expansion (page 27-28)
 - v. Alleghany County JCPC board appointment – Megan Edwards (page 29)
 - vi. Proclamation In Support of National Radon Action Month (page 30)
 - vii. Alleghany Partnership for Children lease/unsolicited offer to purchase

 - viii. Fire districts update
 - ix. Replacement of Interim County Manager discussion
- F. 7:40 **Consent Agenda (Board action requested)**
- i. Tourism Development Authority Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$7,500 for reduction in Occupancy Tax due to closure of a few rental properties (page 31)
 - ii. General Fund budget amendment #8 in the amount of \$636 for lawsuit regarding jail meals (page 32)
 - iii. General Fund budget amendment #9 in the amount of \$4,055 for 5K Run for the Claus (page 33)
- G. 7:45 **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.
- H. 8:00 **Interim County Manager Comments**
- i. “Heart of the Blue Ridge Parkway” Federal Trademark Registration completion (pages 34-35)
 - ii. October building permit report (page 36)
- I. **County Commissioner Comments**
- J. **Adjourn**

Elect Board Chair

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve Mark Evans as chair. No second.

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to approve Larry Prince as chair. Mark Evans seconded. Vote 3:2 (nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin)

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve John Irwin as chair. No second.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Bobby Irwin as chair. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 3:2 (nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin)

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve Bill Osborne as chair. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:1 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Bill Osborne)

Recess

Elect Board Vice-Chair

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve Larry Prince as vice-chair. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Appoint Clerk to the Board

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to reappoint Drew Temple as Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Elect County Attorney

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to reappoint Donna Shumate as County Attorney. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Review and Revise Board Appointments

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the review and revise board appointments to discuss possible rearranging until the mid-month January meeting. Vote 4:1 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Mark Evans)

Rules of Procedures

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to modify Rules of Procedures Rule 9 (a) to read "Any Board member may, by a timely request, have an item placed on the agenda." Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 3:2 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the Rules of Procedures with the above modifications. 3:2 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment

Presentations to the Board

Alleghany Writers

Ginger Collins gave an Alleghany Writers update.

General Business

Nick Hawks, Chief Deputy – housing federal inmates

Commissioner Mark Evans explained the potential opportunity to house federal inmates in our prison.

The board agreed to support this venture with the Sheriff's department contingent upon more information from the Sheriff's department.

County Attorney, Donna Shumate recommended the board ask the Sheriff if these inmates were pretrial.

Daniel Roten – 2021 Domestic Preparedness Region grant approval

Commissioner Mark Evans explained the pass-through grant Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Coordinator presented on at a previous meeting.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the grant. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Josh Greene – request to purchase bucket truck

Public Works Director, Josh Greene explained the need for a bucket truck.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve Josh's recommendation to buy the bucket truck out of 2 different budgets.

There was discussion among the board and Josh Greene about the frequency of renting or borrowing a bucket truck currently and the need for a bucket truck.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin revised his motion to table Josh's recommendation to buy the bucket truck out of 2 budgets until December 16th. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Megan Edwards, Josh Greene – Davis Field expansion

Recreation Director, Megan Edwards and Public Works Director, Josh Greene explained the request for expanding Davis Field into 2 fields with Maintenance staff building the ballfields.

Megan Edwards explained if this is approved, there would be approximately \$78,000 left in the Beamer/Outdoor Recreation Fund.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the proposal to expand Davis Field for \$50,000 from the Beamer Fund. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Allegheny County JCPC board appointment

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to appoint Megan Edwards to the JCPC board. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Proclamation in Support of National Radon Action Month

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Chair Bill Osborne explained there are free radon testing kits in the Extension office. Vote 5:0.

Allegheny Partnership for Children lease/unsolicited offer to purchase

Commissioner Mark Evans explained that the lease with the Partnership for Children was never executed but the Partnership is still interested in the property if they acquire funding.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to acknowledge the unsolicited offer to purchase the approximately 1-acre property at Moxley Road and Hwy 18 S and begin the upset bid process. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 3:2 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Fire districts update

Commissioner Mark Evans said fire district redrawing is in the final phases with HCCOG and Daniel Roten. He said we should have the drawings in hand in January.

Replacement of Interim County Manager with Assistant County Manager

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to replace the Interim County Manager with the Assistant County Manager. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 3:1 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Larry Prince)

Consent Agenda

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public comments

No comment

Interim County Manager comments

Commissioner Mark Evans explained the “Heart of the Blue Ridge Parkway” trademark is finalized.

Commissioner Mark Evans highlighted the November building permit report.

Commissioner Mark Evans said the official start date for the new county manager is January 13th.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he has enjoyed serving the board as Chair.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for more information about the property adjacent to the transfer station.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for a work session with all the people involved in the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like some consideration of the property sale and Grant’s reimbursement money being used at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked Mark Evans for his leadership and congratulated Chair Bill Osborne.

Commissioner John Irwin said the Council on Aging was given a clean bill of health/in compliance and congratulated Karon Edwards and staff.

Commissioner John Irwin said today was the first day of filing and encouraged people to run for office.

Commissioner John Irwin shared some challenges facing Alleghany County.

Commissioner Larry Prince thanked Commissioner Mark Evans on his outstanding leadership.

Commissioner Larry Prince commended Sparta Lights on their work and said the lights look beautiful.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked Commissioner Mark Evans for his leadership.

Chair Bill Osborne thanked Commissioner Mark Evans and the board for their vote of confidence.

There was discussion between County Attorney, Donna Shumate and the board about when and how to appoint an Interim/Assistant Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne,
Chairman