



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 18th, 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 Manager Mike James, and County Attorney Donna Shumate.

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

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to approve the minutes from 3/4/19. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, March 18, 2019

10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 3/4/19 (pages 1-5)
- A. 10:05 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
- i. Books-N-Friends
 - ii. Dine-out challenge results and prize drawing
- B. 10:15 **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. 10:25 **Presentations to the Board**
- i. Resolution honoring Social Services (page 6)
 - ii. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator – Revalleghany (pages 7-40)
 - iii. Josh Greene, Public Works Director – Alleghany County Landfill Sticker system (pages 41-44)
 - iv. Jim Brown, Recreation – Salt water conversion estimates (pages 45-47)
- D. 10:45 **General Business**
- i. Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees appointment and reappointment (board action requested) (pages 48-50)
 - ii. Upcoming changes to NC Medicaid
- E. 10:45 **Consent Agenda** (board action requested)
- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 49-57)
 - 1. February auto refunds
 - 2. February real & personal property refunds
 - 3. 2018 delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - 4. Request for release of residential solid waste fee

F. 10:50 **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. 11:00 **County Manager Comments**

- i. Spring 2019 NCACC District Meeting
- ii. February building permit report (page 58)
- iii. February License Plate Agency report (page 59)
- iv. February hiring report (page 60)
- v. Update on Health Services Rd. (pages 61-62)
- vi. Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina Real Estate report (pages 63-69)
- vii. Alleghany County Schools fire inspections (pages 70-73)

H. 11:15 **Request for Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)-5 potential acquisition of real property**

I. **County Commissioner Comments**

J. **Adjourn**

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Katee Hettleman gave a Chamber update and introduced Books-N-Friends, a volunteer-based bookstore started by Friends of the Library.

Alice Keighton and Joyce Speas explained how Friends of the Library came about and the history of Books-N-Friends.

County Manager Mike James explained the Dine-Out Challenge results and the grand prize winner was drawn.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment

Presentations to the Board

Resolution honoring Social Services

The Board of County Commissioners and County Manager Mike James all commended Social Services on their hard work and difficult jobs.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to approve the Resolution honoring Social Services. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller - Revalleghany

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator explained how the Revalleghany website works and its different sections.

Rita Miller said there will be a video coming highlighting the tax appraisers, the process the appraisers will be going through to complete revaluation and how to correctly identify appraisers as they approach your property.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to reappoint Rita Miller as Tax Administrator for Alleghany County. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller explained how the Board of Equalization and Review heard appeals in the previous years.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to set the Board of E&R hearings for April 16th and 18th at 6:00 pm. Chair Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Josh Greene – Alleghany landfill sticker system

Josh Greene, Public Works Director explained a proposed sticker system for using our transfer facility.

Josh Greene said Rita Miller had agreed to put a brochure explaining the sticker system in with tax bills so as to reach all Alleghany county property owners.

There were questions and discussion between the board, Josh Greene and Rita Miller about how the sticker system would work.

County Manager Mike James explained the fees being charged for large items taken to the transfer station starting this year.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked for Josh Greene to gather data on how many out-of-state vehicles are using our transfer facility for a 60-day period.

Commissioner John Irwin asked that Josh Greene also gather information about the volume of trash those out of state vehicles are bringing in.

Jim Brown – Salt water conversion estimates

Jim Brown, Recreation Director explained the quotes he acquired for salt-water conversion at the pool.

Jim Brown thanked the commissioners for approving RecDesk and praised Alleghany Cares for covering the cost for 100 baseball and softball players this year.

General Business

WCC Board of Trustees Board Appointment and Reappointment

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to appoint Ricky Brown to the WCC Board of Trustees to complete Duane Davis's term. Commissioner Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to reappoint Susan Murphy to the WCC Board of Trustees. Vote 5:0.

Upcoming changes to NC Medicaid

Chair Evans explained the decision Alleghany County will have to make in the coming months would be whether or not to continue partnering with Vaya.

County Manager Mike James explained some transitions coming to Alleghany County and decisions the county will need to make about which partners we are going to go with.

County Manager Mike James said our goal is to contract with all four providers so all residents can utilize the services in Alleghany County.

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Consent Agenda

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

County Manager comments

County Manager Mike James said the NCACC District Meeting is April 17th in Wilkes County.

County Manager Mike James went over the February building permit report.

County Manager Mike James went over the February license plate agency report.

County Manager Mike James went over the February hiring report.

County Manager Mike James gave an update on Health Services Rd. per NCDOT.

County Manager Mike James went over highlights from the EDPN report.

County Manager Mike James went over Daniel Roten's schools fire inspections.

County Manager Mike James announced "Karma" our new canine officer had her 100th drug charge this month.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said a fire tax will be discussed at the first April meeting.

Commissioner Prince said he appreciated the energy and events going on in the county and encouraged people to buy locally.

Chair Evans said May 1st is County Assembly Day in Raleigh and annual conference is in August in Greensboro. Chair Evans said if the fire tax is passed, it wouldn't be until the fall.

Commissioner Bill Osborne encouraged citizens to come learn about the fire tax.

Commissioner Bill Osborne commended the Chamber for membership.
Commissioner Bill Osborne

Request for Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)-5 potential acquisition of real property

Commissioner Prince made a motion to go into closed session.
Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chairman