



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 15th, 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 John Irwin made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the 4/1/19 minutes with the correction of Larry Adams's name. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, April 15, 2019

10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 4/1/19 (pages 1-6)
- A. 10:05 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
 - i. High Meadows
- 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. Nick Hawks - Alleghany Sheriff's Department
 - 1. Special Response Team video
 - 2. End of year report
 - ii. Bill Slagle – Economic Development best practices
 - iii. Karen Evans – Finance request and update
 - iv. Tiffany Boyer – Transportation Fund request for “ED” (pages 7-8)
- D. 10:45 **General Business**
 - i. Swimming pool decision (board action requested)
 - ii. ***Josh Greene – Transfer station report**
- E. 11:00 **Consent Agenda** (board action requested)
 - i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 9-19)
 - 1. March real & personal property refunds
 - 2. March auto refunds
 - 3. Delinquent taxpayer contracts

F. 11:05 **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. 11:15 **County Manager Comments**

- i. ADHD Environmental Health report (pages 20-21)
- ii. MCO and Transportation Brokers memo (pages 22-23)
- iii. March building inspection report (pages 24)
- iv. US Fish & Wildlife Service – 12-month finding for the eastern hellbender (pages 25-30)

H. 11:30 **Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Code 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

I. **County Commissioner Comments**

J. **Adjourn**

Chair Mark Evans said the Streetscape conversation being moved to 4/22.

Chair Mark Evans shared that the meeting would be winding down around 11:30 am for employees to attend a funeral. He encouraged people to avoid that stretch of I-77 while NCDOT addresses the challenges they are facing with the construction zone there.

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Caleb Osborne gave a Chamber update.

Mike west highlighted High Meadows Country Club, explained their renovations coming up and events.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment.

Presentations to the Board

Bill Slagle – Economic Development best practices

Bill Slagle explained EDPNC’s 18-month findings. He went over the four points for success; workforce development, real estate, positive community development and marketing strategies.

Bill Slagle said another way to promote community development is education.

Nick Hawks – Alleghany Sheriff’s Department

Nick Hawks explained the purpose of the SRT (Special Response Team). He shared a video showing how the team performing a drill.

County Manager Mike James explained most of the SRT gear was purchase with confiscated drug money.

Nick Hawks said every member of the SRT had received training from community college.

Nick Hawks went over the Alleghany Sheriff’s Department end of year report.

Karen Evans – Finance request and update

Karen Evans mentioned the participants in the Governmental Finance course completed this month.

Karen Evans explained her request to have a cut-off time for deposits of 4:30 pm except for the month of August and the cut-off time be 4:00 pm to accommodate the tax office’s influx in receipts.

Commissioner John Irwin asked Karen Evans about loss incurred from inefficiency of purchasing.

There was discussion about central purchasing for the county.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve Karen Evans's request. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Tiffany Boyer – Transportation Fund request for 'ED'

Tiffany Boyer explained her funding request.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the increase in funds for AIM. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Business

Jim Brown – swimming pool discussion

Jim Brown said he agrees with the recommendations through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for improvements to Duncan Recreation Center.

Jim Brown said his recommendation is to go with the lowest quote to convert the public pool to the saltwater system.

Josh Greene said in 2005, expenditures for the pool were \$9,124 and revenues were \$8,053.

Josh Greene said in 2017, expenditures were \$10,328 and revenues were \$5,000.

Josh Greene said in 12 years, the cost incurred was \$65,000.

Jim Brown explained raising entry fees would lower revenue because our public pool cannot compete with Independence, VA pool.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to appropriate \$19,000 from the Recreation Fund to convert the public pool to a saltwater system. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Mark Evans asked Jim Brown to get quotes for amenities to add to the pool.

***Josh Greene – Transfer Station report**

Josh Greene explained for the dates of March 19-April 12, there were 129 out of state vehicles yielding 150 lbs. per load meaning approximately 19,350 lbs.

Josh Greene said we are paying \$55.27 per ton to transport meaning \$630/month for out of state

Consent Agenda

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

County Manager comments

County Manager Mike James said the county offices are closed this Friday.

County Manager Mike James said Monday 4/22 at 6:30 is the Streetscape meeting. Everyone will have 3 minutes for public comment.

County Manager Mike James said there is a short video on the home page of the county website. He said please encourage people to have a discussion on the fire tax.

Chair Mark Evans said Board of E&R meetings are 4/16 and 4/17 evening.

Chair Mark Evans said the NCACC District meeting is Wednesday, leaving at 4 pm.

Recess

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to recess until Monday, 4/22 at 4 pm.
Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Reconvene the recessed meeting

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

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

Chair Mark Evans said no action was taken while in closed session

Adjourn

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman