



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 17th, at 10:00 am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 48 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 County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board, Drew Temple.

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

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve minutes from 6/3. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

### AGENDA

Monday, June 17, 2019

10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda  
Motion on minutes from 6/3/19 (pages 1-4)
- A. 10:05 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**  
i. Trojan Patio
- 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. Megan Lyons, Recreation Coordinator – Skills and Drills program, requesting \$500 (Board action requested)  
ii. Chad Beasley, Brent Long, Alleghany County Schools – requesting \$25,000 for tennis courts improvements (Board action requested) (page 5)  
iii. Communities in Schools – 2019/2020 After school program update  
iv. **\*Maggie Osborne – Soil & Water update**
- D. 10:45 **General Business**  
i. Grants Supermarket partial economic development grant forgiveness request (board action requested) (page 6)  
ii. Agreement to House Jail Inmates between Alleghany county and Ashe county (pages 7-10)  
iii. Offer to purchase 501 Osborne Rd. (Board action requested) (pages 11-23)
- E. 11:00 **Consent Agenda** (board action requested)  
i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 24-31)  
1. May auto refunds  
2. May real and personal property refunds

3. Real and personal property releases
4. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
- ii. School Capital fund budget Amendment #3 in the amount of \$79,841 to budget for additional sales tax. (page 32)
- iii. General Fund budget amendment #42 in the amount of \$79,841 to budget for transfer of money to the School Cap Project fund. (page 33)
- iv. General Fund budget amendment #43 in the amount of \$2,700 to budget for donations for Sheriff's Office and EMS. (page 34)
- v. General Fund budget amendment #44 in the amount of \$4,634 to budget for highway use tax and tags for new ambulance and 1 pickup. (page 35)
- vi. JCPC 2-year reappointments (July 2019-June 2021)
  1. Bob Lane, Chief of Police
  2. Scott Perry, Chief Court Counselor
  3. Jimmy Poplin, Director, AMH/DD/SA
  4. Mike James, County Manager
  5. Jane Halsey, Chief District Judge
  6. Katee Hettleman, Member of Business Community
  7. Amy Lucas, Rep. United Way/other non-profit
  8. Scott Stoker, County Commissioner appointee
  9. Jean Irvin, County Commissioner appointee

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. May Building permit report (page 36)
- ii. Alleghany Historical-Genealogical Society budget request (page 37)
- iii. NCDOT Rural Operating Assistance Program changes (pages 38-39)
- iv. NC Local Government Commission Installment Contract approval (page 40)
- v. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Environmental Health Permit Tracking report 2019 (pages 41-42)
- vi. Recommendations to NC Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy Cohen (pages 43-50)

H. **County Commissioner Comments**

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

J. **Adjourn**

**Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**

Katee Hettleman highlighted recent and events happening this weekend.

Karen O'Leary announced new Chamber members and introduced Cookie from Trojan Patio.

Cookie and Katee Hettleman highlighted Trojan Patio.

## **Public Comments/Agenda Items**

No comment.

## **Presentations to the Board**

Megan Lyons, Recreation Coordinator – Skills & Drills

Megan Lyons explained her Skills & Drills clinic proposal.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to grant the funding from the General Fund. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chad Beasley, Alleghany County Schools – tennis courts repair funding request

Chad Beasley explained Alleghany County BOE's funding request for tennis courts improvements.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to allocate \$25,000 to Alleghany County Schools from the Recreation fund. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Communities in Schools – after school program

Zack Barricklow and Katee Hettleman gave an Alleghany Afterschool Program Update.

Maggie Osborne – Soil & Water update

Maggie Osborne gave a report and overview of Alleghany County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Alvin Dixon thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin recommended utilizing partners with NC State in conjunction with our local Soil and Water department.

## **General Business**

Grants economic development grant forgiveness

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to ask for the full \$20,000 back from Grants Supermarket. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded.

Commissioner John Irwin recommended holding Grants to the \$10,000 reimbursement.

Vote 4:1. (aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince no: Commissioner John Irwin)

Agreement to house inmates between Alleghany and Ashe counties

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

Offer to purchase 501 Osborne Rd.

Chair Mark Evans said the offer to purchase had been rescinded.

## **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the JCPC reappointments until a representative comes to a commissioner meeting to answer questions.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:1. (aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince no: Commissioner John Irwin)

## **Public comments**

Fang Alford explained the issues he is having with Glade Creek Community Building and its board with regards to noise and nuisance.

### **County Manager comments**

County Manager Mike James highlighted the increase in School Cap Fund from sales tax.

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

County Manager Mike James explained that the Historical-Genealogical Society rescinded their budget request.

County Manager Mike James said if there are funds left from the ROAP disbursement, the administration will request that balance back.

County Manager Mike James went over the LGC approval.

County Manager Mike James went over the Q1 Health Permit reports.

County Manager Mike James said the report from NCACC recommended keeping MCO regions as they are.

County Manager Mike James said Kenneth Vaught, VSO is retiring at the end of this month and listed the part-time hours he will keep beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

County Manager Mike James congratulated Sherry Dawson and Ann Choate on passing their state elections certifications.

### **County Commissioner comments**

Commissioner Larry Prince said he is impressed with the Extension Service and the things they bring to Alleghany County. He highlighted some events coming up.

Commissioner John Irwin encouraged citizens to come to budget and public meetings.

Commissioner John Irwin said there has not been a request for SROs from the school board, but they are requested in the Sheriff's Department budget.

Commissioner John Irwin commended Blue Ridge Fiber Fest and Sparta Lights.

Chair Mark Evans said filing season is coming up and encouraged citizens to file to run for county commissioner.

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

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

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