



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 8th, at 6:30 pm 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 John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 6/17/19 and 6/24/19. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

## AGENDA

Monday, July 8, 2019

6:30 pm

6:30 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda  
Motion on minutes from Budget meetings, 6/17/19 and 6/24/19  
(pages1-13)

- A. 6:40 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
  - i. Kate, Ink
  
- B. 6:55 **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. 7:00 **Public Hearing Requesting the abandonment of a portion of New Rain Rd. (pages 14-19)**  
  
**Resolution to abandon a portion of New Rain Road, SR 1405 (page 20)**
  
- D. 7:10 **General Business**

- i. Awarding of Jail meals contract (Board action requested) (pages 21-59)
- ii. Fund Balance policy (Board action requested) (page 60)
- iii. Proposed Personnel Policy changes (Board action requested) (pages 61-63)
- iv. Maintenance/Purchasing/Custodian job description approval (Board action requested) (pages 64-66)
- v. Jury Commission appointment (Board action requested) (page 67)
- vi. NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate designation (Board action requested) (page 68)
  
- vii. Wellness Center contract (Board action requested) (pages 69-77)
- viii. Transfer Station loader lease quotes (pages 81-84)

E. 7:30 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)

- i. Alleghany County Agricultural Advisory Board potential Ex-Officio members (page 78)

F. 7:35 **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. 7:40 **County Manager Comments**

- i. Rural Building Reuse Close Notification (page 79)
- ii. BROCC Board of Directors change (page 80)
- iii. Joint meeting on 7/29
- iv. Recognition of First Responders

H. **County Commissioner Comments**

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

J. **Adjourn**

Karen O’Leary gave a Chamber update and highlighted upcoming events.

Karen O’Leary introduced Kate Irwin with Kate, Ink.

Kate Irwin explained Here! Magazine and her work in Alleghany county.

**Public Comments/Agenda Items**

Katee Hettleman spoke on behalf of Sparta Family Entertainment concerning the Jail meals contract.

Garrison Wagoner spoke on behalf of Horizon Bistro concerning the Jail meals contract.

**Marketing update**

Sarah Dalton gave a Marketing report including Fiber Fest and upcoming events.

**Public Hearing abandoning a portion of New Rain Road**

Jim Lambie explained the position of the petitioners to close a portion of New Rain Rd.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Resolution to abandon a portion of New Rain Rd. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

**General Business**

Awarding of Jail meals contract

There was discussion between the Board, County Manager Mike James and Donna Shumate, County Attorney about the Jail meals contract specifications and bids.

Gary Sparks spoke on behalf of Blue Ridge Grill concerning his bid on the Jail meals contract.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the bid from Horizon Bistro.

Commissioner Bill Osborn seconded. Vote 3:2 (No: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince Aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin)

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to accept the bid from Sparta Family Entertainment. Chair Mark Evans seconded. Vote 2:3 (No: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin; Aye: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Recess

The Board, County Manager Mike James and County Attorney Donna Shumate decided to table the Jail meals contract and bring it back to a special called meeting Thursday, 7/11/19 at 8:00 am.

#### Fund Balance policy

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

#### Proposed Personnel Policy changes

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

#### Maintenance/Purchasing/Custodian job description approval

Commissioner Bill Osborne made a motion to approve the Maintenance/Purchasing/Custodian job description. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Jury Commission appointment

Commissioner John Irwin nominated Jimmy Boyer be appointed to the Jury Commission. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to appoint Jimmy Boyer to the Jury Commission. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate designation

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to designate Chair Mark Evans as the NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:1 (Aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin No: Chair Mark Evans)

#### Wellness Center contract

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

#### Transfer Station loader lease quotes

County Manager, Mike James explained the lease options for loaders.

There was discussion between the Board, County Manager, Mike James and Public Works Director, Josh Greene regarding the loader lease options.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the 60-month Doosan lease. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the Ag Board members. Commissioner seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### **Public Comments**

No comment.

### **County Manager Comments**

County Manager, Mike James explained the Rural Building Reuse Close Notification.

County Manager, Mike James explained the BROOC Board of Directors change.

County Manager, Mike James said the joint meeting with the Town of Sparta will be 7/29 at 6:30 pm.

County Manager, Mike James proposed the first September meeting in September be moved to 9/3.

County Manager, Mike James said he appreciated the First Responders who have worked so hard on some difficult situations the past few weeks.

County Manager, Mike James said there is a NCDOT meeting on Wednesday regarding the bridge project.

County Manager, Mike James said this Friday and Saturday, there will not be a lifeguard on duty.

County Manager, Mike James said updates to the pool will hopefully be completed by the end of July.

### **County Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Bill Osborne said the First Responders need our thoughts and prayers in these difficult situations. Commissioner Bill Osborne said Fiber Fest was a great success.

County Manager, Mike James said our insurance company recommends no lifeguards ever on duty at the pool.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said it is poor management that the slides have been delivered for months and they are not installed.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Fairgrounds were not in good shape for Fiber Fest.

County Manager, Mike James said the Recreation department has until 7/18 to complete the disc golf course.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he did not think the county is getting their money's worth out of the Recreation department.

Commissioner Larry Prince said town was very busy over the weekend and the Visitor's Center was very busy.

Commissioner John Irwin said we needed to be prepared for large events coming to the county.

Commissioner John Irwin said a few bathrooms were not working at the Lawnmower Race this past weekend.

Commissioner John Irwin said at the last Fairgrounds Committee meeting, there weren't enough members to conduct business.

Commissioner Bill Osborne asked for something to be named after Porter (PC) Collins who was killed in the line of duty in the 40's/50's.

Commissioner John Irwin said we need to look at county ordinances because they are outdated.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,  
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,  
Chairman