



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 19th 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 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.

AGENDA

Monday, August 19, 2019

10:00 am

10:00 Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

Approval of agenda

Motion on minutes from 7/11, 7/23, 7/29 & 8/5 (pages 1-16)

- A. 10:05 **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.
- B. 10:15 **Presentations to the Board:**
 - i. Josh Greene - Public Works annual report (pages 17-19)
- C. 10:25 **General Business (Board action requested)**
 - i. Tiffany Boyer, Alleghany in Motion (Board action requested)
 - a. Title VI policy update (pages 20-55)
 - b. ADA policy update (pages 56-60)
 - c. Reasonable Accommodation policy update (pages 61-65)
 - ii. High Country Workforce Development Board appointment Jeff Smith
 - iii. Declare sale items surplus property (pages 66-72)
 - iv. Award BDC/WCC/Library parking lot paving bid – opening on 8/16
 - v. Award fire extinguishers bid – opening on 8/16
 - vi. Award fuel oil bid – opening on 8/16
 - vii. Unsolicited offer to purchase AIM lift van
- D. 10:45 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 73-89)
 - a. July auto refunds
 - b. July real and personal property refunds
 - c. Real and personal property releases
 - d. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - e. License Plate Agency month-end report
 - f. Solid Waste request for release
 - g. Request for approval of late application/audit information

- ii. General Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$1,564 for insurance proceeds from deer accident (page 90)
- iii. General Fund budget amendment #2 in the amount of \$5,000 for 5K Run for a Claus (page 91)
- iv. Transfer Facility budget amendment #1 in the amount of (\$150,000) for removing capital loan from budget (page 92)
- v. Transfer Facility Fund budget amendment #2 in the amount of \$51,500 for loader lease and health insurance (page 93)

E. 10:55 **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.

F. 11:00 **Interim County Manager Comments**

- i. Communities in School
- ii. Opioid information
- iii. JCPC letter
- iv. Grand Jury report
- v. NC NG museum
- vi. Upcoming NWRH appointment

G. **County Commissioner Comments**

H. ***Request for Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel, G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(3) Legal**

I. **Adjourn**

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 7/11, 7/23, 7/29 and 8/5. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

Wayne Barcomb, President of Board of Directors for a campground in Alleghany county said they pay a fee to Alleghany Garbage and are being charged a solid waste fee.

Chair Mark Evans explained Alleghany Garbage Service does not pay tipping fees.

Wayne Barcomb asked if the county would consider picking up trash from households.

Tim Dollyhigh said they are a camping club, not a campground and they do not rent spaces. He said members of the club don't use the landfill. He said members take their garbage with them because they are in the Glade Valley area and all except for one member are going down the mountain.

Presentations to the Board

Josh Greene, Public Works Director gave an update on the work order system since its implementation in 2018 and the work load his staff is under.

Josh Greene gave a Transfer Station annual report including garbage, tires and wood disposal.

There was discussion between the board and Josh Greene about specifics of items dumped at the transfer station, recycling and the fees the county is currently paying.

Josh Greene gave an update on the Emerson Black building, horse stables, power needs on the concession stand side of the creek and renovations to the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like to see an agreement in the next 30 days outlining who is responsible for what at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin and Josh Greene talked about the “gray areas” at the Lions Club Pavilion with regards to who maintains which areas and who owns the property.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin and Josh Greene talked about improvements at the pool and the status of those projects.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained the Recreation projects that have not come to fruition this year.

The commissioners and Josh Greene talked about the status of the disc golf course.

Chair Mark Evans gave his updates on Recreation projects.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for Finance Director, Karen Evans to do a study on exactly how much money it takes to run the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner John Irwin gave his thoughts on the challenges facing the Recreation department.

General Business

Tiffany Boyer, Alleghany in Motion – policy updates

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Tiffany Boyer’s policy updates. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

High Country Workforce Development Board appointment

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve Jeff Smith to the High Country Workforce Development Board. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Declare sale items surplus property

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the surplus items list. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Award BDC/Wilkes Community College/Library paving project

There was discussion between the board and Josh Greene about paving bids and the bidders’ qualifications.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to accept the paving bid from High Country Paving subject to a reference check. Vote 5:0.

Award fire extinguisher bid

There was discussion between the board and Josh Greene about the specifics of the fire extinguisher contract.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the fire extinguisher bid from Freedom Fire and Safety. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Award fuel oil bid

Karen Evans, Finance Director explained why the fuel oil bid asks for mark-up (profit & delivery) cost.

Chair, Mark Evans said in the interest of full disclosure, Brandon Jones is the owner of Freedom Fire and Safety and he is a county employee.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the fuel oil bid from Hometown Oil & LP Gas. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Unsolicited offer to purchase lift van

Josh Greene, Public Works Director explained the offeror asked that the offer please be denied because the circumstances of why she needed the van had changed.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to decline the unsolicited offer to purchase the lift van and the van be sold at surplus auction. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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

Public comments

No comment.

Interim County Manager comments

Chair, Mark Evans gave an update on Communities in School after school program.

Chair, Mark Evans gave an update on the opioid litigation and the potential impact on Alleghany county.

Chair, Mark Evans went over a JCPC letter.

Chair, Mark Evans went over the grand jury inspection from July 29, 2019.

Chair, Mark Evans went over a letter from the NCNG Museum asking for \$1,000 and 8 ounces of soil to go into the museum.

Chair, Mark Evans went over the upcoming NWRH appointment and David Choate's willingness to continue serving.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin asked that citizens please watch commissioner meetings before commenting on matters of the county.

Commissioner John Irwin said we have 53 children in foster care as a direct result of the drug epidemic.

Commissioner Larry Prince said supporting Communities in Schools is one way we can keep children off welfare and support.

Commissioner Larry Prince said he participated in the Habitat House dedication this weekend and he hoped they would do more work locally.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said in addition to departments cutting their budgets by 2-4%, he would like to look at ways to start saving money by also cutting special appropriations.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Fairgrounds is a good opportunity for the county.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the board was not properly informed with what was going on with the salt system and the slides this summer.

Request for Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel, G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(3) Legal

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

Chair, Mark Evans said there was no action taken during 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