



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 28th, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klien and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

**AGENDA**  
Thursday January 28, 2021  
3:00 pm

- 3:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda
- A. 3:05 **General Business**
  - i. Dispatch
  - ii. Animal Control
  - iii. Work with Town of Sparta
  - iv. Staff support
- B. **County Manager Comments**
- C. **County Commissioner Comments**
- D. **Adjourn**

Dispatch

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an overview of the 3-part plan to bring Dispatch into compliance with EMD.

Lieutenant Nick Hawks explained the 911 Cybersecurity Assessment. He said some of the deficiencies have simply not been reported yet.

Sheriff Bryan Maines explained his idea for if the Board decides to move Dispatch. He said they need someone to “man” the lobby during regular business hours. He said if it is going to be moved, it needs to be moved now. He said if it stays in the LE building, it needs to stay under the Sheriff’s supervision but if it moves out of the building, it needs to be under someone else’s supervision.

There was discussion about who is responsible for the deficiencies of the Cybersecurity Assessment.

County Manager, Michael Carter pointed out the report said “recommends” and “suggests” so no action is mandatory.

There was discussion about where to relocate Dispatch and whether to make it its own department.

There was consensus among the Board to have Bryan Maines, Michael Carter and David Spicer make a proposal based on which location best meets the need.

Animal Control

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the current status of Animal Control and the problems with the Animal Control Ordinance.

Sheriff Bryan Maines explained the Maintenance department has never been trained on the constitutionality of enforcing laws and should not be tasked with Animal Control.

There was discussion about the current liability and risk Animal Control assumes as well as updating the Animal Control ordinance.

County Manager, Michael Carter suggested forming an Animal Control Ordinance Committee.

It was decided for Bryan Maines, Nick Hawks, John Irwin and Bobby Irwin and Heather Klein to compose the Animal Control Ordinance Committee.

Work with Town of Sparta/Staff support

County Manager, Michael Carter said the tax collection agreement is almost ready to be reviewed by County Attorney, Heather Klein. He explained he is not going to present anything to the Town Council or Town Manager that the Board of Commissioners is not aware of or in support of. He encouraged the Board to have input at joint meetings.

There was discussion about how joint meetings should be handled moving forward.

County Manager, Michael Carter recommended adopting a procedure for joint meetings.

There was a motion and a second to adjourn. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman