



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

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

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

## AGENDA

Monday, January 4, 2021

6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda  
Motion on minutes from 11/2, 11/16, 12/7, 12/21 (pages 1-21)

6:05 **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; please use the sign-up sheet provided.

A. **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(3)**  
**Legal**

B. **Appoint the County Attorney**

**Public Hearing AIM 5311 Administrative Grant (page 22)**

**Public Hearing AIM 5311 Capital Grant (page 22)**

**Public Hearing AIM 5310 Elderly and Disable Operating Grant (page 22)**

C. 6:30 **Presentations to the Board:**

- i. Chamber update – Lisa Bottomley
- ii. Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission

D. 6:40 **General Business:**

- i. COVID-19 vaccine update for mid-month
- ii. Set Work Session date(s)
- iii. AppHealth building permit waiver – County Manager, Michael Carter
- iv. AIM lift van bid (page 23)

E. 7:00 **County Manager Comments**

**F. 7:10 County Commissioner Comments**

**G. Adjourn**

**Closed session**

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to go into closed session to include Heather Klein. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to appoint Heather Klein as County Attorney for the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

**Public Hearings AIM**

Chair Bill Osborne opened the Public Hearing AIM 5311 Administrative Grant. Tiffany Boyer explained the AIM 5311 Administrative Grant.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the AIM 5311 Administrative Grant. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne closed the Public Hearing AIM 5311 Administrative Grant.

Chair Bill Osborne opened the Public Hearing AIM 5311 Capital Grant.

Tiffany Boyer explained the AIM 5311 Capital Grant.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the AIM 5311 Capital Grant. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne closed the Public Hearing AIM 5311 Capital Grant.

Chair Bill Osborne opened the Public Hearing AIM 5310 Elderly and Disable Operating Grant.

Tiffany Boyer explained the AIM 5310 Elderly and Disable Operating Grant.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the AIM 5310 Elderly Disable Operating Grant. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

**Presentations to the Board**

**Chamber update**

Lisa Bottomley explained the Marketing report for Authentically Alleghany and gave a Chamber update.

**Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission CDBG**

Stacy Howell presented OEO Form 210 Emergency Assistance Strategy for Eliminating Poverty, OEO Form 212 Emergency Assistance One-Year Work Program, OEO Form 210 Family Self-Sufficiency Strategy for Eliminating Poverty and OEO Form 212 Family Self-Sufficiency One-Year Work Program.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the work plan as presented. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

**General Business**

**COVID-19 vaccine update for midmonth**

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to allow Chair Bill Osborne to invite AppHealth to give updates as needed. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

There was discussion about the new rule in the adopted Rules of Procedures regarding the agenda.

#### Set work session date

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to set the work session for January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### AppHealth building permit waiver

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the request for the Board to waive a building permit for AppHealth because the Emergency Management tent was destroyed during COVID-19 testing due to weather. He explained it is a 10x10 building with electric so they may have heat and lighting.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to waive the permit fees for AppHealth. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### AIM van bid

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the bid received. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the request going before the Town of Sparta tomorrow night for new commercial water service to the new Courtroom facility. He said he fully anticipates the March 1 completion date not to be a concern.

#### County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Mark Evans wished everyone a Happy New Year and to stay safe and said he hopes the vaccine helps.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for a report mid-month on fuel spending within the County organization.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he hoped when the contractors are finished at the Fairgrounds installing the sewer system would lay more gravel because it is a mudhole right now.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked Mayor Wes Brinegar for coming to some of our meetings.

Chair Bill Osborne said there are monies available through the disaster relief fund and encouraged citizens to contact Daniel Roten.

Chair Bill Osborne thanked Mayor Wes Brinegar for the work he does for the Town.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said she looks forward to working with the Town and wished everyone a better 2021 than 2020.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked the people of Alleghany County for money and food donated to the food closet.

Commissioner John Irwin said it is for the safety of all concerned that he not say the prayer and wished everyone a happy and better 2021.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked Heather Klein as County Attorney.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman