



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 10:00 am 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 Attorney, Heather Klein and Clerk to the Board Drew Todd.

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

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AGENDA

Monday October 18th, 2021
10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
- A. 10:05 **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.
- B. 10:20 **Presentations to the Board**
- i. Vaya Health – Brian Ingraham (pages 1-16)
 - ii. Fairgrounds steering committee update – Cole Edwards, Recreation Director
 - iii. Facilities update – David Spicer, Public Works Director
 - iv. Financial update – April Hamm, Finance Officer
- C. 10:40 **General Business**
- a. Update on telephone/internet contracts – County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klein
 - b. Inmate medical insurance – Drew Todd (pages 17-21)
 - c. General Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$40,000 adjust for reduction in GCC grant – April Hamm, Finance Officer (page 22)
 - d. General Fund budget amendment #2 in the amount of \$22,006 Run for a Claus revenues – April Hamm, Finance Officer (page 23)

- e. Set a date for meeting of the Alleghany Recreation committee
- f. Set a date for Insurance Committee meeting – Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman
- g. Set a date for Nominating Committee meeting – Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin
- h. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 24-39)
 - a. Requests for release/refund of Solid Waste Fee
 - i. Parcel: 3021415035
 - ii. Parcel: 3948766918
 - iii. Parcel:3061990058
 - iv. Parcel: 4020868907
 - v. Bill No. 16241

D. 11:20 Consent Agenda (Board action requested) (pages 40-51)

- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator
 - a. License Plate Agency month end report
 - b. September auto refunds
 - c. September real and personal property refunds
 - d. Real and personal property releases
 - e. Collections monthly totals report
 - f. Delinquent taxpayer contracts

E. 11:25 County Manager Comments

September building inspections report (page 52)
 Planning Board minutes (pages 53-58)

F. 11:30 County Commissioner Comments

G. Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-3 To consult with an attorney, 6 Personnel

H. Adjourn

Public Comments

No comment.

Presentations to the Board

Vaya Health

Brian Ingraham discussed Vaya’s realignment, PHPs and available crisis services.

Fairgrounds steering committee update

Cole Edwards introduced his new employee, Noah Triplett. He said he and David Spicer had compiled a list of needs at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for estimates to redo the parking lot.

County Manager, Michael Carter said we also need an estimate on striping to maximize parking.

Cole Edwards thanked both the Town and County maintenance departments for working together on the water issue at the Fairgrounds before the fair. He said his plan is to sell advertisements for the digital sign.

Facilities update

David Spicer, Public Works Director said there is a new roof on the front of the Courthouse. He said now he can work towards getting the inside water damage fixed. He said most of the earthquake repair is completed at the Administration building. He said they have been working at the Annex doing painting, landscaping and a new flagpole. He said the Daymark project is complete and they should be moving in today. He said the loader is down again and ACT has it at their shop. He said there is an enclosed excavator on loan from ACT. He said the compactor is supposed to be delivered today. He explained the type of recycling that will be accepted. He said they are working on a solution for 90 S Main. He said the Fairgrounds sign is up and he thanked Tristate Components for loaning Maintenance their lull. He shared the training efforts by his team for animal control. He said the environmental issue at the BDC server room is scheduled for repair as well as the historical room. He said cardboard recycling will be going in the future but we are not going to recycle glass.

Financial update

April Hamm, Finance Officer gave a financial update.

General Business

Telephone/Internet update

County Manager, Michael Carter said we have agreements from both providers.

County Attorney, Heather Klein said the agreements from Skyline didn't come in until very late Friday. She said Ideacom's agreement was not a standard contract and it did not address the concerns identified by the county.

County Manager, Michael Carter said he would like to see action on the telephone/internet RFP at the next meeting.

Inmate Medical Insurance

Drew Todd explained the rate agreed upon for inmate medical insurance renewal is under budget.

There was a motion to approve inmate medical insurance renewal. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Fund budget amendment #1

April Hamm explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #1. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Fund budget amendment #2

April Hamm explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #2. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

April Hamm said this money is not tax dollars.

Alleghany Recreation Committee meeting date

County Manager, Michael Carter said this board should encourage the Recreation Commission to meet within the next 30 days.

Insurance Committee meeting date

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said they agreed on this Wednesday at 4 pm.

Nominating Committee meeting date

Commissioner John Irwin said they agreed on October 25th at 9.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

General Business

Request for release/refund of solid waste

There was a motion to release the solid waste fee for parcel: 3021415035. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to release the solid waste fee for parcel: 3948766918. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

There was a motion to release the solid waste fee for parcel: 3061990058. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to deny the release of solid waste fee for parcel: 4020868907. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the refund on bill no. 16241. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter encouraged the Board to look over the September building inspection report. He also encouraged the Board to look over the most recent Planning Commission minutes. He identified the extended lead times for permitting through the Health Department that our Inspections department has experienced. He said since 9/28 there is about \$1,000 worth of lost revenues for the county. He thanked those involved in getting the new court facility up to standards. He said they are talking about trying to create a job fair in the county. He said at the November work session, he hopes to talk about the ARPA funds. He said the engineer/architect group is coming to the November 1st meeting to talk about their report on 90 S Main. He said he didn't send any comment on the historical designation.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Mark Evans thanked the Planning Board for their services. He said he has an application in with the Health Department well and septic and he is at 10 weeks. He asked for the list of needs from the steering committee for the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like the conversation to continue with NCDOT to see about having the speed limit changed. He said Friday, 2 o'clock at the Courthouse is the opening of the Annex building. He said the people who do the inspections for well and septic have to have a lot of education but it is unacceptable that it takes this long to get a permit. He said the brick sale will go on for another 10 months maybe longer.

Commissioner John Irwin read stats from the US Census quick facts. He explained the backpack food program. He said Cardinal will officially join Vaya January 1st. He said County Commissioners cannot direct a company to come to this county. He said a certain group in this county have turned their back on improvement. He listed incentives GE is offering their employees and said the County Commissioners wouldn't sell GE the old Martin Marietta building for them to have their plant here. He said we are one of 5 counties that don't have natural gas. He said a certain clique had I-77 and I-74 moved from going through Alleghany County. He said 90 S Main is built on fill because there weren't code or inspectors back then. He said you're going to get the government you elect. He said it is too late to change your affiliation to run this time.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman thanked everyone for getting recycling back up and running. She thanked Michael Carter for the financial success of the county.

Chair Bill Osborne said the Planning Board had a well-run meeting. He said he wants to pursue the speed limit further.

Commissioner Mark Evans said there will be three seats coming up this election and he does not plan to refile.

Request for Closed Session

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

Chair Bill Osborne said no action was taken during closed session.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman