



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

Present: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klein and Clerk to the Board Drew Todd.

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

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

AGENDA
Monday, October 4, 2021
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
- Approval of agenda
- Motion on minutes from 7/6, 7/19 (pages 1-7)

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.

Public Hearing: Siesta Ridge Lane (pages 8-12)

A. 6:20 Presentations to the Board:

- i. 2021 Agricultural Fair update – Travis Dalton
- ii. NCDOT follow up – Mike Pettyjohn
- iii. Alleghany High School – Chad Beasley
- iv. Historic designation – Bryan Edwards

B. 6:40 General Business:

- i. Late applications for tax exclusions – Rita Miller (page 13)
- ii. Solid waste disposal clarification – Michael Carter
- iii. Inmate Medical Insurance – Drew Todd (pages 14-15)
- iv. Glade Creek VFD request for funds – David Higgins
- v. Cyber security assessment – Michael Carter (page 16)
- vi. Run for a Clause rollover money – Nick Hawks
- vii. Appoint members to the Recreation Commission

C. 7:00 County Manager Comments

D. 7:10 County Commissioner Comments

E. **Request for Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)- Economic Development, 6 Personnel**

F. **Adjourn**

Public Comments

None.

Public Hearing: Siesta Ridge Lane

Chair Bill Osborne opened the public hearing on Siesta Ridge Lane.

Wendy Williams explained the proposed road.

Chair Bill Osborne closed the public hearing.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Siesta Ridge Lane. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0

Presentations to the Board

2021 Ag Fair

Travis Dalton said there were roughly 4,000 attendees for the Ag Fair with over 250 entries in the exhibit hall, 92 head of stock shown by 62 exhibitors.

NCDOT Follow up

Mike Pettyjohn explained 93 and 221 were at the statutory speed limit (55 mph) before they were analyzed and changed to 45 mph.

There was discussion about how to get the speed limit changed back to 55 and Mike Pettyjohn agreed to have his team look at the metrics again.

There was discussion about tractor trailers continuing to use 21/Main Street.

High School discussion

Dr. Chad Beasley said there is a needs-based funding grant coming up. He said if we are going to build a new high school, it's time to start working on it. He explained the priorities for grant awards. He asked the Board of Commissioners to appropriate the money needed to have the preliminary sketches done.

Historic Designation

Bryan Edwards said the National Register puts no obligations on the private property owner or the local government unless there is state and federal funding involved. He said there are 3 structures in the proposed district owned by the county. He said it does offer tax incentives for investment in historic properties.

There was discussion about how repairs would be handled if these county buildings were designated "historic."

General Business

Late applications

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Presnell late application. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Andrew late application. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Atwood late application. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Dodson late application. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to approve Nordelo late application. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve Hendricks-Howard late application. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the Green application until 12/20. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Solid Waste clarification

County Manager, Michael Carter clarified comments at a previous meeting about commercial solid waste hauling.

Inmate Medical Insurance

Drew Todd explained the renewal rate for inmate medical insurance.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table inmate medical insurance until the mid-October meeting. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Glade Creek VFD request for funds

David Higgins explained GCVFD's need for contingency funds. He said the state won't issue a grant check until everything is in and finalized. He said the total of the grant is \$31,170.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve GCVFD request for 20/21 contingency funds \$14,764.51. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Cyber security assessment

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the opportunity to have the NC National Guard cyber assessment team to do some looking and reviewing and so-forth of our cyber security and network. He said it is free.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman made a motion to allow the NCNG cyber assessment team to conduct a vulnerability assessment. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Run for a Claus rollover money

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the Run for a Claus rollover money until midmonth. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded.

Nick Hawks said they have billed \$62,188.18 through the end of the month for federal inmates.

County Manager, Michael Carter said some of the federal inmate money is going to be proposed to go back to the Sheriff's Department in the next budget cycle.

Appoint members to the Recreation Commission

County Attorney, Heather Klein said there is business that needs to be taken care of by the Recreation Commission and recommended reappointing the Recreation Commission.

Commissioner John Irwin said there were originally seven members of the Recreation Commission and recommended appointing the members of the Board of Commissioners plus Charlie Scott and Margie Smith.

Heather Klein explained the deed work needed to "clean up" the rights to the property.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to appoint the members of the Board of Commissioners to the Recreation Commission. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter said the roofing contractors will be onsite tomorrow to deliver materials. He said in the last couple weeks we have identified a discrepancy in one of the fire contracts. He congratulated Marge Gray on receiving her full accreditation as VSO. He asked the Insurance Committee to pick a date to meet. He said the Fairgrounds steering committee is working on a priority listing for the Fairgrounds. He said the water issues will be a top priority. He said there are difficulties in this current year with regards to ineligible expenditures in the 911 budget.

Recess

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said God Bless the USA.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman thanked the fair workers: Travis, David Spicer, Fairgrounds committee, volunteers.

Commissioner Mark Evans said the fair was a hit.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked the Woodie's for opening up their parking lot to let people park. He said the new sign worked. He said there was another soccer tournament at Veterans Park but 11 cars were parked on the bypass. He said the Veterans Committee brick sale is going on.

Chair Bill Osborne recognized sponsors for the fair.

Closed Session

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to go in to closed session to include Bryan Edwards for the first portion and April Hamm for the second portion. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman