



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 Temple.

**AGENDA**  
Monday, April 5, 2021  
4:00 pm

- 4:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda
- A. 4:05 **General Business:**
  - i. Fairgrounds
- B. **County Manager Comments**
- C. **County Commissioner Comments**
- D. **Adjourn**

County Manager, Michael Carter said County Attorney, Heather Klein had done some research on the Fairgrounds Committee.

County Attorney, Heather Klein explained that considering the Fairgrounds Committee as an advisory committee is the easiest setup. She said in this instance, the Fairgrounds Advisory Committee would report to the Commissioners what they advise to be done. She said there should be a master plan for what the Commissioners want done at the facility. She said the master plan would give guidance to the Fairgrounds Committee. She explained the differences if the Fairgrounds Committee was deemed a “board.” She said the situation now is that the Fairgrounds Committee/Board is not operating in either of the ways she described. She said right now the Fairgrounds Committee/Board is not operating under the County Commissioners. She said there isn’t necessarily a need for a committee to run a County-owned property.

There was discussion about the fee structure and the true cost for running the Fairgrounds.

There was clarification about how Recreation employees became members of the Fairgrounds Committee and how events are scheduled and approved.

County Manager, Michael Carter proposed that the advisory committee communicate with the Recreation Director who is the liaison between the committee and the Board of Commissioners who is the final say on maintenance, events, etc.

There was a consensus for the Fairgrounds Committee to be an advisory committee and the Board of Commissioners remain the governing board.

County Manager, Michael Carter pointed out that if the current fee structure has not been adopted by the Board of Commissioners, it needs to be approved now.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman