



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 17th, 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 Temple.

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

AGENDA  
Monday May 17, 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. Facilities update – David Spicer, Public Works Director
  - ii. Financial update – April Hamm, Finance Officer
  - iii. Dispatch update – Daniel Roten, Emergency Management
  - iv. Chamber update – Lisa Bottomley
- C. 10:40 **General Business**
- a. Fairgrounds internet – Aaron Ray Tompkins
  - b. Resolution establishing the “Local Fiscal Recovery Fund” and authorizing the Director of Finance to accept all funds received under the American Rescue Plan and deposit them in said fund – April Hamm, Finance Officer (page 1)
  - c. Alleghany in Motion Safety System Plan and Drug and Alcohol Policy – Tiffany Boyer, AIM Director (pages 2-123)
  - d. Logan Systems contract renewal and pricing – Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds (pages 124-132)
  - e. Courthouse Committee – County Manager, Michael Carter
  - f. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator
    1. Solid waste fees on campers
    2. Taxpayer request for release of residential solid waste (pages 133-135)

**D. 11:20 Consent Agenda (Board action requested) (pages 136-148)**

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

**E. 11:25 County Manager Comments**

April building inspection report (page 149)

**F. 11:30 County Commissioner Comments**

**G. Adjourn**

**Presentations to the Board**

**Facilities update**

David Spicer, Public Works Director said the courthouse repairs are well underway and on schedule. He said superior court will be held in the courtroom. He said there will be court in the secondary courtroom as well. He said work is to begin in the Daymark building this week. He said DEQ has awarded Allegheny County the \$30,000 recycling grant but we cannot spend the money before July 1. He said it would take some time for recycling to be back up and running but he hopes it is up before cold weather. He said there is a Memorial Day event scheduled at Veterans Park. He said the repairs requested by the animal shelter inspection have been addressed. He said there was also a transfer station inspection with very few infractions but they have been addressed.

**Financial update**

April Hamm, Finance Officer gave a financial update as of today. She gave a sales tax revenue update.

**Dispatch update**

Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Coordinator gave an update on the findings the committee has made in our meetings about EMD. He explained the decision the committee recommends is the storage units in this building. He described the costs associated with construction, tower and backup power. He explained the E-911 grant the county is pursuing. He explained the generator grant he is pursuing.

**Chamber update**

Lisa Bottomley gave a Chamber update. She said they are looking for someone to work in the visitor's center. She explained the advertising projects the Chamber is working on.

**General Business**

**Fairgrounds internet**

Aaron Ray Tompkins explained the need for direction on the internet at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner John Irwin said Jeff Smith is willing to provide internet for the Black building for Fiber Fest at no charge.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to accept Jeff Smith's offer. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to prepare an RFP for the Fairgrounds internet. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Local Fiscal Recovery Act Resolution

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the Resolution establishing the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Safety System Plan, Drug and Alcohol Policy

Tiffany Boyer, AIM Director said approval of this plan is required to receive her funding.

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

#### Logan Systems Contract

Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds said she is seeking approval for her Logan Systems contract for the next 4 years.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Courthouse committee

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the need to have the Courthouse committee refreshed to discuss the options for the office space upstairs in the courtroom annex, plan the ribbon-cutting and monitor the progress on the main courthouse.

#### Solid waste fees on campers

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator explained the challenges in the past with campers and solid waste fees. She explained the findings from a particular campground in the county. She proposed untagged campers get a solid waste fee and put a solid waste fee on each site where campgrounds sell sites.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to charge solid waste fees to all campers within the county. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

#### Request for release of solid waste fee

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator gave the LPA report.

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

#### **County Manager comments**

County Manager, Michael Carter encouraged the board to look over the April building inspection report. He said the courthouse roof is going out for bid beginning with a pre-bid meeting coming up and bids to be opened June 3. He said the public hearing on the proposed budget is this Thursday 5/20 at 6 pm. He said there is a meeting with the hospital tomorrow to discuss “health sitters.”

#### **County Commissioner comments**

Commissioner John Irwin explained a few concerns about the budget.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman encouraged citizens to come to the budget public hearing. She encouraged people to support our businesses and get a job. She said the animal shelter is overflowing.

Commissioner Mark Evans said the workforce situation is a challenge for lots of folks. He said it’s hard to hear from the public about the budget and encouraged people to share their concerns.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said Monday, 5/31 there will be a Memorial Day event at Veteran's Park at 1 o'clock. He said the mask mandate has been lifted and crowd numbers have been lifted. He said he learned a lot on the budget committee this year. He said helping organizations later in the year is always an option.

Chair Bill Osborne encouraged citizens to come to the public hearing Thursday. He said last week was National Police Officers week and thanked our law enforcement officers for keeping us safe. He said this week is National EMS week and thanked them. He said Fiber Fest is June 4-5. He said the Farmer's Market is open on Saturdays. He said the Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund is still going on and there are funds available for living expenses.

County Manager, Michael Carter identified the group attending the meeting with the hospital tomorrow.

County Attorney, Heather Klein said she is working on getting the warranty on the Doosan loader. She said they are getting to where they can present the animal control ordinance. She said the opioid settlement is coming to an end and there is a MOA that the UNCISOG is requesting all 100 counties sign off on. She said she is waiting on the DMV to get back to her about removing the trailer next to the transfer station.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman