



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 1:00 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

Thursday, May 27, 2021

4:00 pm

- 4:00 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda

- A. 4:05 **General Business:**
 - i. Chamber direction
 - ii. FY21/22 Budget

- B. **County Manager Comments**

- C. **County Commissioner Comments**

- D. **Adjourn**

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

Ricky Brown reviewed how the Chamber sees the partnership working. He said the Chamber needs the Board to look at \$50,000 rather than the proposed appropriation. He said there are 300+ members but approximately 20% are in the middle of renewing their dues to the Chamber because of COVID. He said they have not requested funds from the ACEDC. He explained the Chamber operating budget of \$250,000.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the discoveries of revenues in 3 lines of the budget totaling \$90,100. He said the Sheriff's Department cell phone expense line item is \$20,800 and Veterans Services cell phone expense line item is \$1,080. He said this leaves \$68,220. He said Cooperative Extension needs \$2,350 for computers. He explained the differences in proposed budget and requested from the organizations that spoke at the public hearing. He explained his idea to get the Ag Banquet back on schedule in the FY21/22 budget by "rolling" FY20/21 funds to next year. He said requests minus cell phones total \$124,209. He explained the revenue neutral tax rate. He said the tax rate is proposed to stay the same for FY21/22.

Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner John Irwin and Commissioner Mechelle Luffman all said they support fully funding the hospital at \$100,000.

There was consensus to appropriate another \$5,000 to JCPC.

There was discussion about the Library funding.

There was consensus to appropriate another \$20,000 to the Rescue Squad.

There was consensus to appropriate another \$2,000 to Alleghany Group Homes.

There was consensus to appropriate another \$9,000 to the Library.

There was a consensus to appropriate another \$20,739 to the Chamber.

Commissioner John Irwin asked that the County Manager provide these figures to the Alleghany News.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the fire tax rates remain the same as well as fees.

The Board thanked everyone for their work and the public for their input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman