



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 19th, 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 Bobby Irwin made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday July 19, 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. Financial update – April Hamm, Finance officer
 - ii. Facilities update – David Spicer, Public Works Director
 - iii. Fairgrounds update – Cole Edwards, Recreation Director
 - iv. Register of Deeds FY20/21 report – Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds
- C. 10:40 **General Business**
- a. Fairgrounds concessions follow-up – Cole Edwards, Recreation Director
 - b. Resolution Declaring Surplus Property (page 1)
 - c. Steering committees – County Manager, Michael Carter
 - d. Line item transfers – April Hamm, Finance Officer (pages 2-6)
 - e. Jury Commissioner appointment
 - f. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator
 - a. Appeals of Motor Vehicle Value (pages 7-11)
 - 2007 Toyota Camry
 - 1973 Plymouth Duster
 - b. Request to Approve Late Applications (pages 12-22)
 - Elmer Jerry Mullis
 - Sascha Aaron Ford
 - Lee Roy Joyce
- D. 11:20 **Consent Agenda (Board action requested)**
- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 23-56)
 - a. License Plate Agency month end report

- b. 2020 Unpaid real and personal property tax
- c. 2010 Insolvents
- d. 2020 Settlement of real/personal and VTS tax
- e. 2021 Order to Collect
- f. Example of Sticker
- g. 2021 Sticker Procedures
- h. June auto refunds
- i. June real and personal property refunds
- j. Real and personal property releases
- k. Collections monthly totals report
- l. Delinquent taxpayer contracts

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

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

G. **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to
G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-6 Personnel**

H. **Adjourn**

Presentations to the Board

Financial update

April Hamm, Finance Officer gave the financial update.

Facilities update

David Spicer, Public Works Director said the courthouse earthquake damage is mostly completed. He said the weatherproofing is here and they are coming this week dependent on the weather. He said there is a plan for the roof to happen as quickly as the contractors can get here. He said once the roof is completed, the plaster in the stairwells can be completed. He said Daymark is moving along but we are at the mercy of the suppliers. He said the earthquake damage at the COA is in the process of being repaired. He said the painter at the COA will be there in the next couple of weeks. He said the 90 S Main project is still in the works and the state engineers are working on a plan. He said the cement pads are in place, the recycling compactor has been ordered and should be here within the next 10 weeks. He said the electrical components are in place, just waiting on the compactor. He said the loader is back up and running. He said the tipping floor has been repaired and he is in the process of getting quotes on a more permanent repair. He said the state inspector for the transfer facility is bringing an engineer up Wednesday to formulate a plan for a temporary tipping floor while the tipping floor can be repaired. He said the Administration building earthquake repairs should begin soon, the contractor is visiting this week.

Fairgrounds update

Cole Edwards, Recreation Director said the event this past weekend was well attended with 2,000-2,500 people. He said concessions were busy the entire time. He asked the Board of Commissioners to review the Fairgrounds Application for use and provide feedback on additions/subtractions. He recommended having the Town of Sparta and the Chamber for Economic Development “at the table” when talking about the Fairgrounds.

There was discussion about parts of the Fairgrounds Application for use that need revision.

Register of Deeds FY20/21 report

Miranda Roupe, Register of Deeds gave an end-of-year update on her office and reported her office had its best year in history. She said on October 17th, she would be hosting the District Register of Deeds Conference at the venue and invited the Board of Commissioners to attend. She said the event is from 10a-2p.

General Business

Fairgrounds concessions follow-up

Cole Edwards explained the proposed concession stand lease with Billy Noah for the remainder of the year on an event-by-event basis then a contract next year to operate the concession stand for the year. He said the proposal for next year would more than cover the water and propane for the concession stand.

County Manager, Michael Carter suggested the Board allowing staff to negotiate these agreements.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to allow staff to negotiate with Mr. Noah for concessions operation. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Steering Committees

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the need for an Insurance Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Recreation Committee and an Ordinance Committee.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to establish Insurance, Nominating, Recreation and Ordinance Committees. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin and Commissioner Mechelle Luffman volunteered for the Insurance Committee.

Commissioner John Irwin and Chair Bill Osborne volunteered for the Nominating Committee.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman and Commissioner Bobby Irwin volunteered for the Recreation Committee.

Commissioner John Irwin volunteered for the Ordinance Committee and Commissioner Mark Evans said he would consider the committee.

Jury Commissioner appointment

Chair Bill Osborne nominated Cindy Atwood to the Jury Commission. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Appeals of Motor Vehicle value

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the recommendation on the 1973 Plymouth Duster. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the Kelly Blue Book value of the 2007 Toyota Camry. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Request to Approve Late Applications

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

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve Ford and Joyce applications. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator reviewed the 2021/2022 Solid Waste sticker and information.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter asked that the work session in August be utilized to discuss the ARPA money the county should be receiving very soon. He said we have been putting together ideas internally and have received requests from additional agencies.

There was discussion about items for the next work session including Fire Tax contingency uses.

County Manager, Michael Carter said there are wheels in motion about the Fairgrounds. He said we will send out a general listing of ARPA uses in the next week.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Mark Evans thanked Mr. Jenkins and previously David Servent for giving the invocation. He encouraged local clergy to contact the Manager's office if interested.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said it is great to be back saying prayer. He said the mudsling was a great success, was well-attended and was an indication of the potential of the Fairgrounds. He said he wanted the minutes to reflect that the Recreation Director said anyone who uses the Fairgrounds fills out an application. He said the VFW had a good open house Sunday.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked the minister for his prayer before the meeting. He recommended people go by and see the VFW, especially the museum. He said the Commissioners are not doing business outside the public eye. He said not to take someone's word without watching the meetings.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said the mudsling was a great event and thanked our first responders and firemen. She said Music on Main and the cruise-ins are great. She said the transfer facility is looking good. She encouraged citizens to adjust their times they visit the transfer station. She said we are working on something for the kids such as a splash pad and encouraged people to come voice their opinions at public comments.

Chair Bill Osborne said the event at the Fairgrounds was a good time and a big success. He thanked Reverend Tim Jenkins. He said he is happy for the VFW that everything worked out well.

Closed Session

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

Adjourn

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman