



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

Present: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klien.

AGENDA
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
6:00 pm

6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 3/1 work session, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5 work session, 4/5 (pages 1-16)

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.

A. 6:20 **Presentations to the Board:**

i. TDA quarterly report – Steve Mason

B. 6:40 **General Business:**

- i. Fairgrounds internet RFP (pages 17-19)
- ii. Line item transfers (pages 20-24)

C. 7:00 **County Manager Comments**

i. June building inspection report (page 25)

D. 7:10 **County Commissioner Comments**

E. 7:20 **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-6 Personnel**

F. **Adjourn**

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0.

Public Comments

Ann Simons explained the noise nuisance she has at her property in Alleghany County. She asked the County Commissioners for help with her situation.

David Morrison explained he purchased a decibel meter and listed the readings he witnessed from different points on his property. He shared the loss of income he has suffered because of his neighbor.

Chief Deputy, Nick Hawks said because the County does not have a noise ordinance, the Sheriff's Office was denied common law "Breach of Peace" by the DA's office. He said there is no charge available to reach a resolution on this noise situation.

Zack Shepherd with Vaya Health introduced himself and said he would be covering our area.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked if someone like Vaya Health could help with the noise situation since it is a mental health issue.

Chair Bill Osborne said we would look into it.

Presentations to the Board

TDA Quarterly Report

Steve Mason said the frequency of stays and number of stays in the county have exploded. He said there are no outstanding grants or obligations of outstanding expenses. He said the TDA put an additional \$20,000 into their long-range goals category. He said they will be pursuing grants as they promote the Fairgrounds. He explained the process by which an individual or group would apply for a TDA grant and examples previous grant recipients.

General Business

Fairgrounds internet RFP

Cole Edwards, Recreation Director corrected the date and time of the bid opening.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Fairgrounds internet RFP. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 4:0.

Line item transfers

April Hamm, Finance Officer explained the line item transfers.

County Manager, Michael Carter said the majority of the transfer is to pay for earthquake debris.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the line item transfer. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 4:0.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter said we have a signed agreement with Tecta America for the replacement roof on the courthouse. He said he had asked REI to provide him with a time frame for the work to be performed and materials. He said the loader is down again at the Transfer Station.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said it is disheartening to know the flag is causing a problem. He said the Board needs to discuss the land at Sam Brown Mountain because there is a question about that property.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said the Board did not close the pool without a lot of thought and discussion about what a bad state it is in. She encouraged everyone to work together to get a better facility. She said it is not ADA compliant and it's time to move on with something that's even better for our citizens.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the brick sale is ready to start back up with the County Attorney's approval.

County Attorney, Heather Klien explained the brick manufacturer is publicly certifying themselves as the only authorized company to be able to use the US military seals.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Board tried about three years ago with a noise and usage ordinance. He said citizens of the county didn't feel the Board had any business doing it. He thanked Mr. Serven for the prayer and looked forward to that being the process. He thanked the people who were in the parade and who attended.

Chair Bill Osborne thanked everyone involved in the 4th of July parade. He said we are working on other things for the kids other than the pool.

Closed Session

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 4:0.

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

There was a motion and second to adjourn. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman