



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 2nd, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: 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 Todd.

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

AGENDA
Monday, August 2, 2021
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
- Approval of agenda
- Motion on minutes from 4/19 (pages 1-5)

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. Chamber presentation follow-up – Bryan Edwards (pages 6-8)

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

- i. RND Architects proposal 90 S Main – County Manager, Michael Carter (pages 9-11)
- ii. Sparta Women’s Club 85th Anniversary Proclamation – Assistant County Manager, Drew Todd (pages 12-13)
- iii. Letter of Support 2021 RAISE Grant Application – County Manager, Michael Carter (pages 14-15)
- iv. Cole Edwards, Recreation Director
 - a. Fairgrounds concessions agreement (pages 16-23)
 - b. Sparta Lion’s Club roof quote (page 24)
- v. JCPC Board member re-appointments (page 25)

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

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

E. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 8/2 with changes. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

David Morris explained again the need for a noise ordinance because of his situation on Stratford Road.

Selena Cyrus expressed her interest in turning the pool into a splash pad.

Presentations to the Board

Chamber presentation follow-up

Bryan Edwards explained the process for submitting suggestions on how the board would like to measure the work of the Chamber. He gave an update on the efforts of the Chamber.

General Business

RND Architects proposal

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the proposal for a more thorough analysis of 90 S Main by RND Architects. He asked the board to consider approving the proposal.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the RND Architects proposal. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Sparta Women's Club 85th Anniversary Proclamation

Assistant County Manager, Drew Todd explained the proposed Proclamation. Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the Sparta Woman's Club 85th Anniversary Proclamation. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Letter of Support 2021 RAISE Grant Application

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the location of the bridge to be replaced in the 2021 RAISE Grant.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the Letter of Support 2021 RAISE Grant Application. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Fairgrounds concessions agreement

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the agreement being considered was created by County Attorney, Heather Klein.

There was discussion about having the County Attorney sign off on this contract.

Recreation Director, Cole Edwards confirmed that the Boy Scouts can still sell concessions but no one can directly compete with Mr. Noah's business.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the proposed concession contract with the addition of the clause from the County Attorney. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Cole Edwards said Music on Main will not be using the Fairgrounds as a rain venue.

Lion's Club roof quotes

Cole Edwards presented the roof bids for the Lion's Club. He said the Lion's Club is willing to pay half and requests that the county pay half. He said the money could be taken from Recreation salaries to cover the county's portion. He asked that the board consider authorizing transferring \$6,200.

Commissioner John Irwin explained his issues with the bids.

Cole Edwards said the board could make a motion to only appropriate \$5,000.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained his thoughts on moving forward with the roof bids.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the roof bids until mid-month. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

JCPC Board Reappointments

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

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter said we had had a meeting with the owners of ACT regarding the loader at the transfer station and they understand where we are. He said he gave them six months to make it right. He said we opened telephone system bids on Friday. He said we will provide copies to the board and the phone consultant. He said we did not receive any proposals for the phone system at the Fairgrounds. He confirmed there was no request made for internet at the Fairgrounds for the event this weekend.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin shared his thoughts on a noise ordinance. He said he doesn't think this is a law enforcement issue but a mental health issue.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said the noise issue is an unfortunate situation. She said the idea of the splash pad is on the front burner and the board wants to have recreational options for kids and adults. She said the mud sling was a nice event with a great turnout. She said Music in the Park had a great turnout and encouraged people to come to the Demolition Derby and Music on Main.

Commissioner Mark Evans thanked Mr. Servin for giving the invocation. He thanked everyone for participating in advertising the county.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Veteran's Committee is back in business selling bricks and they hope to have those installed by Veteran's Day 2022. He listed the events and places they will be selling bricks. He said the 21 road sale was a big success especially at the Fairgrounds. He asked about long-range plans for buildings and vehicles.

Chair Bill Osborne said Music on Main is coming up. He congratulated Sparta Woman's Club on their anniversary. He said the splash pad would be a good thing in town to draw people to Sparta.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman