



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 18th, 2020 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 Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve minutes as submitted. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, May 18, 2020
10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 4/20, 4/27 and 5/4 (pages 1-11)
- A. 10:05 **Public Comments/Agenda Items:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) specifically listed on this meeting's agenda. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.
- B. 10:10 **Presentations to the Board**
- i. Jen Greene, AppHealth – COVID19 update
 - ii. Nick Hawks – Federal inmate program
- C. 10:20 **General Business**
- i. Governor's Crime Commission grant funding from Sheriff's Department budget
 - ii. New Council on Aging status update (pages 12-13)
 - iii. Paving at the Wilkes Community College/BDC/Library building (pages 14-15)
 - iv. Cardboard recycling
 - v. Recreation - 2020 Spring sports
 - vi. Purchasing agent position
 - vii. Karen Evans, Finance Officer (pages 16-41)
 - a. Salary line item transfer
 - b. Audit agreement to provide services
 - c. Audit contract
 - d. 3-yr audit proposal thru FY22/23
- D. 10:45 **Consent Agenda (Board action requested)**
- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 42-48)
 - 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. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
- f. Board of Equalization and Review minutes

E. 11:00 **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.

F. 11:10 **County Manager Comments**

- i. Budget message (page 49)
- ii. April building inspection report (page 50)
- iii. Local spending (page 51)

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

H. 11:40 **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

I. **Adjourn**

Presentations to the Board

AppHealth

Angie Poole with AppHealth gave a full COVID-19 update.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to write a letter of partnership between the County and AppHealth to our legislators. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Nick Hawks – Federal inmate program update

Nick Hawks gave an update on the Federal inmate program.

General Business

GCC grant funding

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Governor's Crime Commission Grant funding from the Sheriff's department budget. Vote 5:0.

New Council on Aging status update

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an update on the progress of the new Council on Aging.

There was discussion between the board, County Manager, Michael Carter, Finance Officer, Karen Evans and County Attorney, Donna Shumate about the second court room drawings and conversion of the old Council on Aging.

Paving at Wilkes Community College/BDC/Library

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the concern about the paving at the Wilkes Community College/BDC/Library parking lot.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to move forward with revisiting the warranty on the paving at the Wilkes Community College/BDC/Library parking lot. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Cardboard recycling

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an update on cardboard recycling in the County.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the transfer station looks much better since the staff has been cleaning up.

Recreation – 2020 Spring sports

Recreation Director, Megan Edwards explained the District Recreation Director suggested canceling 2020 Spring sports.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to refund Spring sports registration fees. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Purchasing agent position

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the idea that department heads should be responsible for purchasing for their department and the lack of need for the purchasing agent position.

Commissioner Larry Prince said he didn't think the savings we have realized from the purchasing agent position were great enough to continue with the position. There was consensus among the board.

Karen Evans, Finance Officer

Finance Officer, Karen Evans explained the salary line item transfer for Elections.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to transfer the required funds within Elections budget. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans explained the audit agreement to provide services, audit contract and 3-yr audit proposal thru FY22/23 from Gould Killian.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the audit agreement to provide services, the audit contract and the 3-yr audit proposal thru FY22/23. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans said that dealing with the same people at Gould Killian has been nice.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans gave a financial update.

Finance Officer, Karen Evans explained the local spending report.

Virginia Carolina Water Authority board reappointment

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to reappoint John Irwin to the Virginia Carolina Water Authority. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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 explained the 20/21 budget message.

County Manager, Michael Carter said Sheriff Bryan Maines is willing to utilize inmate labor to help the county with some projects at facilities.

Commissioner Mark Evans confirmed there were no fee changes for 20/21.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the schools did an outstanding job trying to involve as many people as possible in graduation.

Chair Bill Osborne thanked the budget committee and congratulated graduates.

Commissioner Larry Prince encouraged citizens to wear masks especially in Food Lion.

Commissioner John Irwin shared his frustrations with the article in the Alleghany News regarding fire tax.

Commissioner John Irwin said the Council on Aging has received 2 grants from the NC State Employees' Credit Union. Commissioner John Irwin thanked the staff at the COA and Sheriff's Department for delivering meals to our seniors.

Commissioner John Irwin said the budget meeting and fire tax public hearings are tomorrow night.

Chair Bill Osborne aske citizens to thank EMS and Law Enforcement staff.

Commissioner John Irwin asked citizens to also thank the Rescue Squad.

Closed Session

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to enter in to closed session to include HR Officer, April Hamm.

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman