



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, June 11th, 2020 at 9:00 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.

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

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the meeting he, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, Drew Temple, Susie Gambill, Judge Doughton and Judge Duncan had last week about the existing courthouse and the old COA/courthouse annex.

County Manager, Michael Carter recommended bringing someone into the existing courthouse to assess the needs and indicate to us whether there are additional concern we need to address before we focus on the old COA building.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained the hard date of July 1 for Judge Duncan to let the Chief Superior Court judge know Alleghany county's plan.

Commissioner John Irwin explained the problems with the current courthouse because of the jury trial coming up in August.

Commissioner John Irwin recommended authorizing County Manager, Michael Carter to get the right professionals into the courthouse to advise of the repairs needed.

County Manager, Michael Carter said his recommendation was to begin work on the existing courthouse.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to allow the courts to use the Commissioners room as they see fit. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to go in to closed session. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the dead tree on the Recreation Commission property and the danger it poses to a homeowner on Maple Street.

Commissioner Larry Prince recommended calling Blue Ridge Electric to see if the tree is a threat to the power lines located directly behind it.

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to call Blue Ridge Electric to ask about the dead tree and if they will not cut it down, take the money from the Recreation budget and have it cut. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the conversation he had with Carroll Royal and Megan Mooneyhan about the Rescue Squad budget.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to table the Rescue Squad funding discussion for 6 months then reconsider. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne  
Chairman