



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 15th, 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 Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 5/18. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, June 15, 2020
10:00 am

- 10:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 5/18 (pages 1-4)
- 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. Lisa Bottomley, Chamber and Authentically Alleghany update
 - ii. Sheriff's Department – EMD status update
- C. 10:20 **General Business**
- a. Nick Hawks – Governor's Crime Commission grant shortfall
 - b. Workforce Development Board appointment
 - c. Transfer Station hours
 - d. Fire and Rescue Association (tabled from 6/1)
 - e. Remote participation (tabled from 6/1)
 - f. General Fund budget amendment #17 in the amount of \$4,800 for additional DOT fees for motor vehicle taxes collection (page 5)
 - g. School Capital Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$135,631 to budget for additional sales tax (page 6)
 - h. General Fund budget amendment #15 in the amount of \$14,000 for additional fines & forts through the court system (page 7)
 - i. General Fund budget amendment #16 in the amount of \$21,000 for additional PEG monies received from state for ACTV (page 8)

- j. General Fund budget amendment #18 in the amount of \$135,631 for required mandated portion for school capital (page 9)

D. 10:45 Consent Agenda (Board action requested)

- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 10-14)
 - a. License Plate Agency month end report
 - b. May auto refunds
 - c. May real and personal property refunds
 - d. Real and personal property releases
 - e. Delinquent taxpayer contracts

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. May building inspection report (page 15)
- ii. Joint meeting with Town of Sparta June 29th 6:00 pm

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

Public Comments/Agenda Items

Hugh Shepherd asked for prayers for their board and fire chief.

Presentations to the Board

Lisa Bottomley, Chamber and Authentically Alleghany update

Lisa Bottomley gave an Authentically Alleghany and Chamber update.

General Business

Nick Hawks – GCC grant shortfall

Nick Hawks explained the Governor’s Crime Commission grant shortfall.

Commissioner John Irwin explained his frustrations with the status of EMD.

Nick Hawks gave a brief update on PowerPhone and the challenges the Sheriff’s Department has faced with getting ready for EMD.

Workforce Development Board appointment

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to appoint Garrison Wagoner to the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Transfer Station hours

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the alteration to the new Transfer Station hours.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to accept the Transfer Station hours as presented. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Fire and Rescue Association

Commissioner John Irwin explained his thoughts on why we need the Fire and Rescue Association.

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to create a Fire and Rescue Association. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Remote participation

There was discussion between the board and County Attorney, Donna Shumate about the prospect of remote participation.

Chair Bill Osborne made a motion to table the remote participation discussion until the next meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Budget amendments

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #15. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #16. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #17. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve General Fund budget amendment #18. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve School Capital Fund budget amendment #1. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator gave the License Plate Agency month end report for May.

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

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator gave a Revaluation update.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator shared an e-mail she received from Dept of Revenue regarding Fire Districts/Fire Tax.

Public Comment

Beth Shaw said she is running to represent this district and thanked the board for allowing her to participate in this meeting.

County Manager Comments

County Manager, Michael Carter said there is a joint meeting on June 29th.

County Manager, Michael Carter said a firm is coming Wednesday to talk about the courthouse.

County Manager, Michael Carter said there is a meeting Friday of the revised courthouse annex committee.

County Manager, Michael Carter said the loader at the Transfer Station has gone down again and it is running in "limp mode" and it is becoming a problem.

County Manager, Michael Carter said after this meeting that he would be looking at the Doosan lease to see if there is a provision about a replacement loader while ours is down.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the phase approach to implementing EMD.

Nick Hawks explained the staff for EMD is under the Sheriff's Department purview and the equipment has been handled through the county.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin thanked Karon Edwards for all she does for the elderly.

Commissioner Larry Prince said his concern for the county has always been garbage and trash. He said he would like to see us readdress this issue for the county to grow.

Commissioner Larry Prince said citizens need to think about where they buy things because they pay the ¼ cent sales tax when they buy from other counties.

There was discussion about whether to forego the first July meeting. Commissioner Larry Prince said we needed to keep the meeting on the schedule.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Fairgrounds Committee decided not to use the Fairgrounds for the HWY 21 Road Market because of the Governor's order.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Ag Advisory Board decided to keep the Ag Awards Banquet scheduled for February 2021.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said in the future, we should get a minimum of 2 or 3 quotes on projects like cutting the tree on Maple Street owned by the Recreation Commission last week.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked for a report on requirements for a substation in the county.

Chair Bill Osborne said Authentically Alleghany looked great.

Chair Bill Osborne thanked AppHealth and everyone who works in the 911 system.

Chair Bill Osborne said there would be a lot of benefit from the ¼ cent sales tax. Commissioner Mark Evans said there are things the ¼ cent sales tax does not apply to including groceries, gas and prescriptions.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to enter in to closed session to include April Hamm. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

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

There was a motion and second to adjourn. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman