



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 10 am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Mark Evans called the mid month meeting to order. He led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Tom Smith gave the invocation.

Chair Mark Evans said that item A was not present and would be strike from the agenda.

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

### AGENDA

Monday, June 18, 2018

10:00 A.M.

10:00 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  
Motion on Agenda for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting  
Motion on Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>

- A. 10:05 Spotlight Business, Paul's Remodeling and Cleaning Services – Paul Schultz
- B. 10:10 Public Agenda Comments
- C. 10:25 Wendy Williams, E-911/Mapping Coordinator (Page 1-9)
  - 1. Public Hearing for Redwing Lane & Old Spring Trail
  - 2. Approval of Road Names\*
- D. 10:35 Brandon Keener, Forestry Service  
Re: Forestry Present Use Value
- E. 10:45 Autumn Hodges, Social Services  
Re: Child Protective Services In-home
- F. 11:00 Karen Evans and Lisa Osborne (Page 10-20)
  - 1. Occupancy Tax Collection
  - 2. Pension Audit \*
  - 3. Procedures Audit \*
- G. 11:15 General Business
- H. 11:30 Consent Agenda \*
  - 1. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (Page 21-29)
    - a. Auto Refunds
    - b. Real & Personal Property Refunds
    - c. Real & Personal Property Releases
    - d. Payment Agreement Report Decision
    - e. Request for Approval of Late Application
  - 2. NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate (Page 30)
  - 3. General Fund Budget Amendment # 24 in the amount of \$4,376 (Page 31)
  - 4. Osborne Road Closure Resolution (Page 32)
  - 5. Health Services Road Resolution (Page 33)
- I. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- J. County Manager Comments
  - 1. Sparta School Renovation Update
  - 2. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

## K. Commissioners Comments

### Adjourn

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>. Chair Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public agenda comments. Seeing no movement, he closed that section.

Wendy Williams, Mapping and E-911 Director gave a summary of two new road names.

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for the two road names. Seeing no movement, he closed the public hearing.

Autumn Hodges of social services gave an overview of the child protective services in-home program. She went over the guidelines and timelines for the program. She mentioned

Chair Mark Evans asked about referrals to other organizations.

Autumn Hodges explained the different groups she utilizes and the different reasons for collaboration.

Commissioner Tom Smith asked how many meetings in a week.

Autumn Hodges said if it's weekly visitation it is around three.

The board commended and thanked her for the job she does.

Finance Officer Karen Evans explained the need for an occupancy tax penalty to allow the Finance Office to collect.

Commissioner Tom Smith asked how many places they collect from.

Karen Evans said between 25-30 places.

Commissioner John Irwin asked if there is anyway to highlight false reports and if there was anyway to get their business tax returns.

Karen Evans said she felt that would need to be a further conversation with the County Attorney.

Karen Evans then spoke about the pension audit agreement and the procedures audit that the county was selected for.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the two audits agreements. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans asked if there were any questions about the consent agenda.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked about the closure of Osborne road.

County Manager Mike James explained there had been a public hearing last year and NCDOT just needed the resolutions to start spending money and close Osborne road and take in Health Services Road.

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

Chair Mark Evans opened the floor for public comments.

David Higgins of Glade Creek Volunteer Fire Department explained they were having issues with the fairgrounds committee and asked for any type of help the Board may be able to help alleviate some of the challenges.

County Manager Mike James explained the fairgrounds committees new suggested plan to track attendance.

Chair Mark Evans suggested that he get with the county manager and find a solution to the challenges.

Commissioner John Irwin gave a brief background of the need for a tracking system and of the meeting where the arm band challenge was presented.

County Manager Mike James explained two budget issues that came up as of Friday. He explained there was a jailer that would be deployed and there would need to be money added to cover his position while he was gone. He then went over the suggestions from the courthouse committee, they wanted the board to appropriate money to do a study on of the commissioner's board room and the election offices as plan A and the council on aging building as plan B. Next, he gave an update from a meeting with the sheriff and the hospital where there could be some research into what a fair price for the county and the safety from the hospital is. He explained they wanted to get into the hospital budget for the coming year with as fair as possible and study for an increase over the coming years.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he thought after the \$700,000 to buy the hospital that was the end of the county's reasonability to the hospital.

County Manager Mike James explained the request for bid is out for the hospital project. He then said the pool should be open tomorrow morning at 11 am and explained to the board that there would need to be some money put into the pool next year. Next, he went over the buying local tracking. Next, he explained that he would not be available for the first meeting in August and the board decided to move the meeting to August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Tom Smith nominated Chair Mark Evans to be the voting delegate. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Mark Evans reminded the board of a discussion from earlier of the memorandum of understanding with the Partnership for Children to utilize a lot the county owns. He explained the draw down for the festival of lights.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked the DOT for their work cleaning the ditches out. He then explained Senate Bill 420 for the Community College system and then reminded the public of the parade on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. He explained that July 14<sup>th</sup> is the brick cut off day.

Commissioner John Irwin noted where the county might be without the local hospital and said it was within the county and citizen best interest to do what needed to be done for the hospital.

Commissioner Larry Prince complemented the Board on their work together on the budget.

Chair Mark Evans said the budget public hearing would be June 19 and then the final budget meeting would be June 21.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans  
Chair of the Board