



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 6th, 2020 at 6:00 pm 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, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the minutes were sketchy.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve minutes from 5/19, 6/1, 6/11 and 6/15 as presented. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, July 6, 2020
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 5/19, 6/1, 6/11, 6/15 (pages 1-12)

Public Hearing on Proposed Road Name Change

6:05 **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.

A. 6:15 **Presentations to the Board**

- i. Sheriff's Department
 - a. Run for a Claus – Bryan Maines
 - b. EMD update – Nick Hawks

B. 6:25 **General Business**

- i. Remote participation (tabled from 6/15 meeting)
- ii. Courthouse updates: old and new
- iii. COA update
- iv. Early voting conflict with Commissioners room being used for secondary court room (potential 10/15 jury trial)
- v. Assignment of the Jail Meal Contract (pages 13-14)
- vi. TDA Chairman nomination – Steve Mason
- vii. Discussion and approval of TDA Bylaws (pages 15-19)
- viii. SRC letter writing campaign - Courthouse steps and landscaping
- ix. Resolution Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery by the Alleghany County Schools Board of Education of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (page 20)

C. 6:45 **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.

D. 7:00 County Manager Comments

E. 7:10 County Commissioner Comments

**F. 7:20 Request for Closed Session Pursuant to
G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel**

G. Adjourn

Chair Bill Osborne explained the additions to the agenda.

Commissioner John Irwin said he would vote no on any additions to the agenda other than the one published Monday.

Public Hearing on Road Name Change: Kellys Way to Hendersonevans Way

Chair Bill Osborne opened the public hearing on changing the road name from Kellys Way to Hendersonevans Way.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the proposed road name change. Commissioner John Irwin seconded.

Commissioner Mark Evans said if the board approves this name change, it could “open pandora’s box” as far as the precedent that has been set in the past.

GIS Director, Wendy Williams explained why she denied the original petition.

Commissioner Larry Prince rescinded his motion.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the road names he identified in the master road name list that are similar to the road name change requested.

FHE Henderson explained why she wants the road name changed to Hendersonevans Way.

There was discussion between the board and Wendy Williams about the proposed name change from Kellys Way to Hendersonevans Way.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve Hendersonevans Way as submitted. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:1 (aye: Commissioner Mark Evans, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Presentations to the Board

Sheriff, Bryan Maines highlighted the 2nd Annual Sheriff’s Run for a Claus.

Nick Hawks explained the status of EMD. He explained TCPR and said Alleghany County’s dispatchers are all now certified through EMD.

Nick Hawks said EMD is a three-phase plan and said phase one was completed July 1st. He said phase two will be completed in the 20/21 budget year and phase three will begin in July 2021 and will consist of implementing additional personnel to fill the second seat.

General Business

Remote Participation

County Attorney, Donna Shumate said after additional research, she could not find enacted law to let the board do what they want which is call in remotely and vote.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table remote participation indefinitely. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Courthouse updates old and new

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the status of the current courthouse and the inspections and exams HEH and Associates have performed on the courthouse.

County Manager, Michael Carter said some of the water issues are from the tin roof section on the courthouse. He said if removal becomes the plan, specialized individuals will have to remove the tin roof because of the sealant that was applied to the tin. He said some windows are areas of concern and that we need to get a full accounting of which windows need attention.

County Manager, Michael Carter said construction should include, tin roof replacement, window replacement, wall replacement and addressing humidity concerns.

County Manager, Michael Carter said the time frame to address the water issues at the courtroom is immediate.

COA update

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an update on the new Council on Aging and said July 31 as a completion date is improbable.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the engineering report Hemphill-Randel sent today and went over the balances of the financing package line items.

There was discussion between the board, County Manager, Michael Carter and County Attorney, Donna Shumate about how to proceed with the secondary courtroom and how long this courtroom will meet our needs.

County Manager, Michael Carter said there had been some discussion about adding secondary PSAP to the upstairs at the current Council on Aging.

Commissioner John Irwin said the consideration was to put the primary PSAP in the upstairs of the current COA.

There was discussion among the board about primary and secondary PSAP, generator needs and the idea to move primary PSAP to another location.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the need for Hemphill-Randel to go further with their engineering analysis of the current Council on Aging building.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to proceed with the engineering cost of \$29,700. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Early voting conflict

County Manager, Michael Carter read Elections Director, Sherry Dawson's e-mail explaining the conflict with a jury trial and early voting in the Commissioners meeting room.

County Manager, Michael Carter asked for a couple of weeks to put together an analysis of the Commissioners meeting room versus the Black Building at the Higgins Center for secondary courtroom.

The board agreed to give Michael Carter the time to gather an analysis.

Assignment of Jail Meal Contract

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Jail Meals Contract assignment. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

TDA Chairman nomination

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Steve Mason as the TDA Chairman. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin clarified some of the bylaws with the TDA.

Discussion and approval of TDA bylaws

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the TDA bylaws as presented.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said members of the TDA have not read the bylaws.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to table the TDA bylaws until the mid-month meeting. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 2:3 (aye: Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Mark Evans, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the TDA bylaws. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 4:1. (aye: Commissioner Mark Evans, Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin nay: Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

SRC letter writing campaign

Susan Miles explained the letter writing campaign ideas the SRC is thinking about.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to allow the SRC to include Courthouse lawn and steps improvements in their letter writing campaign. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Guaranteed Energy Savings Resolution

Superintendent, Chad Beasley presented the Resolution Acknowledging the Execution and Delivery by the Alleghany County Schools Board of Education of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract.

Graham Lewis with Schneider Electric explained the Resolution and that the board has to agree not to reduce the school's utility expenditure each year.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments

DW Miles said he would like to get on the mid-month agenda to talk about the Miles JOB Fund and the Take a Break from the Interstate Road Market.

County Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said we have 19 WCC graduates working at our local hospital and 30 others who have gotten Community College degrees who work at our hospital.

Commissioner Larry Prince said we are lucky to only have 5 cases and complimented the citizens for being as careful as we can.

Commissioner John Irwin gave statistics about the veteran population in Alleghany County.

Request for Closed Session

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

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to remove the residency requirement from the County Manager's contract, increase the County Manager's salary by \$10,000 and allow him 4 more vacation days per year. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman