

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 6.30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Tom Smith, Vice-Chair Karen Leys, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate, and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

AGENDA
Monday, August 1, 2016
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for August 1, 2016 Meeting
- A. 6:35 Karen Evans, Finance Officer
- Re: Resolution to change the authorized people who have signature authority with BB&T due to the resignation of the County Manger. Action Requested – Vote on the Resolution.
- B. 6:40 Josh Green, Public Works Director
1. More information will be given on the wood waste bids. Action Requested – Vote on awarding the bid.
 2. Discuss the options of elevator contracts Action Requested – Vote on awarding the contract.
- C. 6:55 Bryan Cassell, 4H Representative
- D. 7:05 Sparta Women's Club
- Re: present proclamation for their value to Alleghany County
Action Requested – Vote on the proclamation
- E. 7:10 Dale Caveny, Director of BDC
- Re: Recent visit to Raleigh. No action requested
- F. Public Comments—30 minutes
- G. Commissioners Comments
- H. Closed Session – NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (6)-Personnel
- I. Adjourn

Finance Officer, Karen Evans requested to remove former County Manager Don Adams from the BB&T signature cards.

Commissioner Leys asked if there was a two signature requirement.

Karen Evans answered yes one signature coming from the finance office staff and the other from the administration office.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve resolution as written. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Public Works Director, Josh Green stated that the former County Manager Don Adams had gone over the bids for the wood grinding at the last meeting. He stated that

since the meeting he had been able to speak with Bennick Enterprises which was the low bid for the grinding project and stated that the company could start the very next day if they are awarded the bid.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to award Bennick with the wood waste bid. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Josh Green presented the bids for elevator contract. He went over the different contract plans and the cost of each. He explained what each plan covered. He went on to say Thyson Krupp give a 3% discount if the year amount is paid in the first month which would make to yearly total be \$8,730 as opposed to \$16,000 that was spent last year with the Otis contract. Josh said his recommendation would be to go with Thyson Krupp Gold Packet because it saves so much money and it covers everything that wouldn't already be covered by insurance.

Commissioner Leys asked what the other three contract did.

Josh Green explained each of the levels of service from both Otis and Thyson Krupp.

Commissioner Davis asked if they still come every quarter and do the pressure test and all for the state.

Josh Green said yes they would still come every quarter and get all that sent to the state.

Commissioner Evans stated that Josh Green had provided what last year's cost was at \$16,000 and asked him what the previous year's amount was.

Josh Green said that the County pays \$1,301.52 every quarter just for them to come out and lubricate what is already in place and make sure it is working properly. He went on to talk about the age of the elevators in the County buildings and that the new contract he is recommending will actually cover preexisting issues whereas last year when there was a switch that went out in an elevator it cost the County \$2,000 to be replaced.

Commissioner Leys stated that the contract being recommended is a five year contract. She went on to ask how many elevators this would be servicing.

Josh Green stated that it would be five elevators.

Commissioner Leys asked if the lift in the courtroom would be included.

Josh Green said he would ask about the wheelchair lift being added to the contract.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to award the five year contract to Thyson Krupp Elevator Corporation with the addition of the wheelchair lift in the courthouse. Commissioner Irwin seconded.

Commissioner Evans stated that the contract doesn't set out specific guidelines for the annual charge increase.

Commissioner Leys stated that the contract said there was a 3% cap with annual price adjustments.

Commissioner Evans said that the pump at the courthouse needs to be reflected in the contract because the way it reads is that it will be charged additionally at a discounted rate.

Josh Green recapped that he will contact Thyson Krupp tomorrow and speak with them about the addition on the courthouse wheelchair lift and reflecting the inclusion of the courthouse elevator pump in the contract not being billed separately for the repair.

Chair Smith stated there was a motion and a second on the floor. He asked for any other questions or discussion. Vote 5:0

Bryan Cassell, 4H Representative explained what he will be doing and some topics he will learn about while attending the 4H Youth Voice/North Carolina Association of County Commissioners NCACC Conference coming up in Winston-Salem

Amy Lucas, 4H Director explained some events that the Board will be invited to attend with the 4H group during the NCACC meeting.

Commissioner Leys presented the proclamation to Sparta Women's Club.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the proclamation including an amendment to add the initial donation to fund the Alleghany County library. Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Dale Caveny explained the trip that Chair Smith, Vice Chair Leys and County Manager Don Adams to Raleigh and meet with elected officials. He said that they first met with Senator Ballard, then Representative Elmore and then they were able to visit with the Governor. He stated that they extended invitation to each of them to come visit and spend some time in Alleghany County. He said they talked about all the good new positive things going on in the County not to overlook the challenges, but to show that things are moving forward. He said they then went over to the Department of Commerce and talked about the Bluffs Lodge and Coffee Shop, he said they received a few names and avenues to check with for potential monies to help. He went on to explain the talk about the growth of County business and the possibilities of low interest loan for business in the future. He said then they went over to the Wildlife Resources Commission. He said they spoke about three main things: 1) river access 2) trout stocking and 3) getting Alleghany County on the birding trails. He said they finished up their day by meeting with the NC State Parks. He stated that there were two things they really wanted to discuss with them which were to thank them and to enforce the value of the State Parks in Alleghany County. Number two was to discuss Bull Head Mountain and how the County could gain access to Bull Head from Highway 21.

Chair Smith noted that Dale Caveny was a rock star at the Wildlife Commission.

Commissioner Leys said she felt it was a tremendous trip and felt that good things are coming to Alleghany County and thanked Dale Caveny for all his efforts for that day and for Alleghany County.

Commissioner Irwin said he felt like anything good happening with the Parkway is great for the County.

Dale Caveny said he had attended a Basic Economic class last week in Chapel Hill and a speaker had said that something that people on the local level have to get use to is that they have to look after themselves. Dale said the way he took that is that we, Alleghany County have to be advocates for Alleghany County.

Commissioner Evans asked if Dale knew if the mold removal had begun in the Bluff's Lodge/coffeehouse.

Dale Caveny said that he was not sure that was a federal thing, but he was hopeful that the idea of splitting the lodge and the coffee shop would be accepted, so that maybe the coffee shop could be opened more quickly.

Commissioner Leys asked what was going on with economic development study that the Commissioners had approved funding for.

Dale Caveny said they had just had their install meeting and had their committee in place now and he stated they are moving slower than he would like, but he said they

are moving forward at a slower pace so they get everything done correctly and conserve their money.

Chair Smith opened the floor for public comments. Seeing none he closed that section of the meeting,

Commissioner Leys wanted to thank Ben Cornett for the very nice thank you note.

Commissioner Evans stated that the JCPC had hired Iris Cannon as their director and that she will be starting August 29, 2016.

Commissioner Irwin said the Highway 21 sale went great. He said he had never seen so much traffic going through Alleghany County. He went on to say that the bridge naming dedication went great. He also thanked everyone that worked so hard on the project. He stated the rockwork at the high school looks wonderful.

Chair Smith said that the last Music on Main was coming up on Friday.

Commissioner Leys stated that the Alleghany Quilters Guild had a record attendance of over 800.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith stated the Board was back from closed session and no decisions were made.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair