



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 5th at 6:30 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 48 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board, Drew Temple.

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

AGENDA

Monday, August 5, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes 7/8/19 (pages 1-6)
- A. 6:40 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
i. Miles J.O.B. Fund
- B. 6:55 **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.
- C. 7:00 **Public Hearing Requesting New Road Name: Kennedy Ridge Lane (pages 54-57)**
- D. **Presentations to the Board:**
i. 2019 YouthVoice Initiative – Carly Edwards
ii. 2019 Blue Ridge READ – Molly DuBose
iii. Thinking Maps – Ginger Collins (pages 7-9)
- E. 7:10 **General Business (Board action requested)**
i. Karen Evans, Finance Officer
a. Inspections/Maintenance Request for Salary Change (page 10)
b. KS Statebank invoice budget amendment (pages 11-12)
c. BB&T signature cards:
Jennifer Boyer, Karen Evans, Mark Evans, April Hamm, Larry Prince
d. Resolution Ratifying \$183,943 Skyline National Bank loan (page 13)
ii. Awarding of Jail meals contract (pages 14-53)
iii. Nick Hawks – School Security Equipment Grant \$50,000/no match
iv. Steve Carrier – New School Resource Officers
v. CAT loader Offer to purchase (page 58)
vi. SWDF Release request (pages 59-67)

- vii. GIS Services contract (pages 68-72)
- viii. Resolution declaring surplus property – 2009 E350 lift van (page 73)
Unsolicited offer to purchase 2009 E350 lift van
- ix. Surplus auctioneer agreement (pages 74-75)

F. 7:30 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)

- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 76-88)
 - a. June auto refunds
 - b. June real and personal property refunds
 - c. Real and personal property releases
 - d. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - e. June and July motor vehicle appeals
 - f. Request for reinstatement into elderly exemption

G. 7:35 **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.

H. 7:40 **Interim County Manager Comments**

- i. Request for comment on proposed AT&T tower(pages 89-96)
- ii. Liability & Property claims Q4 (pages 97-100)
- iii. June and July building permit reports (pages 101-102)
- iv. Senior Center groundbreaking
- v. Joint meeting with school board
- vi. Hometown Grocery (Grant’s) economic development grant repayment update
- vii. County Manager hiring timeline

I. **County Commissioner Comments**

J. **Request for Closed Session pursuant to General Code 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel, G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-3) Legal**

K. **Adjourn**

Commissioner John Irwin said he stated at the last meeting that there weren’t enough members of the Fairgrounds Committee present to conduct business but he was wrong, there were enough members.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/8/19. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Karen O’Leary gave a Chamber update and introduced DW Miles with the Miles J.O.B. Fund.

DW Miles highlighted the Miles J.O.B. Fund and 21 Road Market.

Public Agenda Comments

No comment.

Presentations to the Board

2019 YouthVoice Initiative – Carly Edwards

Carly Edwards explained her involvement in 4-H.

2019 Blue Ridge READ – Molly DuBose

Molly DuBose highlighted the Blue Ridge READ.

Thinking Maps – Ginger Collins

Ginger Collins explained Thinking Maps and Alleghany Writers' upcoming projects.

General Business

Karen Evans, Finance Officer

Karen Evans explained the Inspections/Maintenance request for salary change.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to accept Karen Evans' recommendation. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Karen Evans explained the KS Statebank invoice and suggested using the budget contingency to pay the invoice.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to use the funds from the contingency to pay the KS Statebank invoice.

Karen Evans explained the need for new signature cards.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Karen's recommended signers for the signature cards. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Karen Evans explained the Resolution ratifying the Skyline National Bank loan.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the resolution ratifying the SNB loan. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Hearing Requesting New Road Name: Kennedy Ridge Lane

Chair Mark Evans opened the public hearing for Kennedy Ridge Lane.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public hearing for Kennedy Ridge Lane.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the naming of the road to Kennedy Ridge Lane. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Business

Awarding of Jail meals contract

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to award the jail meals contract to Horizon Bistro. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded.

There was discussion among the board about the jail meals contract.

Vote 3:2 (aye: Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin no: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince)

Nick Hawks – School Security Equipment grant

Nick Hawks explained the grant he is pursuing which is a \$50,000/no match grant opportunity to specifically purchase school security equipment.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Nick Hawks pursuing this grant opportunity. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Steve Carrier – New School Resource Officers

Nick Hawks introduced the current and new School Resource Officers.

Steve Carrier gave an update on the 18-19 school year.

CAT loader offer to purchase

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the offer to purchase the CAT loader. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

SWDF release request

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the refund of \$66.68.
Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

GIS Services contract

Chair Mark Evans explained the cost impact our 6-mile fire districts will have on the GIS fire district mapping contract.

Chair Mark Evans said it would be January before these maps were produced for public hearings.

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

Resolution declaring surplus property

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to declare the lift van surplus property.
Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to acknowledge the offer on the lift van of \$1,300. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Surplus auctioneer agreement

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the auctioneer contract.
Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

Fang Alford listed his current complaints about the Glade Creek Community Building.

Interim County Manager comments

Chair Mark Evans explained the request for comment on the AT&T tower.

Chair Mark Evans explained the liability and property claims.

Chair Mark Evans went over the June and July building permit reports.

Chair Mark Evans highlighted the Senior Center groundbreaking next Thursday at 9 am.

Chair Mark Evans said there will be a joint meeting with the school board on September 27th.

Chair Mark Evans said he resent the letter telling Grants Supermarket they are expected to repay their economic development grant funds in full.

Chair Mark Evans asked for the commissioners to return the worksheet for the County Manager job profile.

Chair Mark Evans said the County Manager position will be advertised across NC and VA for 90 days or until filled.

Chair Mark Evans said the county has separated from the lease for the tower with Skyline.

Chair Mark Evans said Megan Lyons's Skills and Drills camp was very positive and had a great turnout.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Bill Osborne commended Miles J.O.B. Fund and the SROs.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked the board for allowing Clerk, Drew Temple to print motions on the big screen.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he wants an update on the pool, slides, saltwater system, pool times and days of operation, disc golf course, Lions Club pavilion, Fairgrounds power bills, insurance responsibility and the Black building.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said Donna needs to be more involved in county activities.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like department heads to look at cutting their budgets by 2-4%.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like to see a workshop for commissioners in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the close date for the pool is the end of September without a lifeguard.

Commissioner Larry Prince said he is dissatisfied with how the Jail meals bid turned out.

Commissioner John Irwin highlighted properties in Alleghany county that look terrible with trash.

Commissioner John Irwin said he would be looking into an ordinance for these properties.

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

Chair Mark Evans said no action was taken during closed session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman