



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 16th at 10:00 am 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, September 16, 2019

10:00 am

10:00 Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

Approval of agenda

Motion on minutes from 8/19 and 9/3 (pages 1-10)

- 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. 10:15 **Presentations to the Board:**
- i. Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business
Mangum-Cater on Main
 - ii. Communities in Schools
- C. 10:25 **General Business**
- i. Linda Edwards, EMS Director – breast cancer awareness shirts (Board action requested)
 - ii. Northwestern Regional Housing Authority - board appointment (Board action requested)
 - iii. Surplus sale update – Drew Temple
 - iv. Sheriff's 5K Run for a Cause & Fun Run update – Sheriff, Bryan Maines
 - v. Unsolicited offer to purchase – Utility trailer \$600 (Board action requested)
- D. 10:45 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
- i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 11-85)
 - a. August auto refunds
 - b. August real and personal property refunds
 - c. Real and personal property releases
 - d. Delinquent taxpayer contracts
 - e. Motor Vehicle appeal
 - f. Solid Waste release requests
- E. 10:55 **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. 11:00 Interim County Manager Comments

- i. Pool update – Health Department items
- ii. School parking designation at the pool parking lot
- iii. Joint school board meeting date and time
- iv. Trademark
- v. BDC paving
- vi. COA new building
- vii. August permit report (page 86)
- viii. Assisted Living update
- ix. Recreation Director position update

G. County Commissioner Comments

H. Adjourn

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 8/19 and 9/3. Chair Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment.

General Business

Linda Edwards, EMS Director – breast cancer awareness shirts for October

Linda Edwards, EMS Director asked if the board would consider letting the EMS team wear breast cancer awareness t-shirts as their uniform shirts.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve for EMS to wear breast cancer awareness t-shirts as their uniforms every October. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Northwestern Regional Housing Authority board appointment

Ned Fowler explained the reason for the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority and asked that David Choate be reappointed to its board.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve David Choate to the NRHA board. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Surplus Sale Update – Drew Temple

Drew Temple gave an update on the 2019 Surplus sale.

Sheriff's 5K Run for a Cause and Fun Run update

Sheriff Bryan Maines gave an update on the Sheriff's 5K Run for a Cause and Fun Run and thanked everyone who helped and participated.

Unsolicited Offer to Purchase – Utility trailer

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the offer of \$600 for the Utility trailer. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Presentations to the Board

Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business

Mangum-Cater on Main

Karen O'Leary gave a Chamber update, encouraged everyone to come to the Mountain Heritage Festival and introduced Robin Cater of Mangum-Cater on Main.

Robin Cater explained the different items made and sold at Mangum-Cater on Main.

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

No comment.

Interim County Manager Comments

Chair Mark Evans said the pool will be closed for the season; Megan Lyons has submitted all info for the slides to the Health Department.

Megan Lyons explained exactly what has been requested and submitted with regards to installing the slides.

Chair Mark Evans said Chad Beasley asked if the school could use the pool parking lot during school hours. Chair Mark Evans said there is a standing MOU with the schools regarding the pool/tennis courts/ballfield area and he would like for County Attorney, Donna Shumate to include this revision in the MOU.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the pool parking lot is in bad shape and asked if it is on any maintenance schedule to be repaved.

Chair Mark Evans said there will be a joint meeting with the school board on Friday, September 27th at 11:30 am.

Chair Mark Evans said the “Heart of the Blue Ridge Parkway” trademark is complete on our end.

Chair Mark Evans said the BDC paving is underway and going well.

Chair Mark Evans said progress on the new COA building is going well.

Chair Mark Evans went over the August permit report.

Chair Mark Evans said we are waiting on the Assisted Living facility to pull their permit any day now.

Chair Mark Evans said there may be some restructuring of the Recreation Department.

Chair Mark Evans explained we need to get together to go over the applications for County Manager received thus far. The Board decided to meet on Monday, 9/23 at 6:00 pm.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Bill Osborne encouraged everyone to attend the Mountain Heritage Festival and Pumpkin Festival coming up.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he would like to tour the Fairgrounds before the next meeting and he would like to see the Fairgrounds expense report by next meeting.

Commissioner Larry Prince suggested having Lisa Osborne from DSS report to the citizens and the Board at a meeting in October.

Commissioner Larry Prince said the investment made in the Extension service has a return of 27:1.

Commissioner John Irwin said the foster children count is 53 and the Opioid Epidemic is still very much a problem.

Chair Mark Evans encouraged citizens to continue supporting our downtown businesses during Streetscape.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,
Chairman