



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 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 Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Attorney, Heather Klein, Clerk to the Board, Drew Todd.

There was a motion and a second to approve the amended agenda. Vote 5:0.

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AGENDA

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 8/15 (pages 1-4)

6:05 **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; please use the sign-up sheet provided.

A. 6:20 **Presentations to the Board:**

- i. Leadership Alleghany – Dale Caveny, Lisa Bottomley

B. 6:30 **General Business:**

- i. Fairgrounds camping monthly fee (proposed \$400/month) – Randy Murphy, Recreation Director
ii. Leashes at Veterans Park – Randy Murphy
iii. Appoint Deputy Clerk, Miranda Roupe – Assistant County Manager, Drew Todd
iv. Temporary Tipping Floor RFP responses – David Spicer, Public Works Director (pages 5-6)
v. Laurel Springs Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Contract – Drew Todd, Assistant County Manager (pages 7-9)
vi. Recreation Committee update – Commissioner Bobby Irwin
a. Duncan Recreation property

b. Potential new pool

C. 6:50 **County Manager Comments**

D. 7:10 **County Commissioner Comments**

E. **Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(4) To discuss the location or expansion of industries or other businesses**

F. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public comments

No comment

Presentations to the Board

Leadership Alleghany

Dale Caveny explained Leadership Alleghany and the timeline for the program.

General Business

Fairgrounds camping monthly fee

Randy Murphy, Recreation Director explained the proposed monthly camping fee of \$400 at the Fairgrounds.

Drew Todd, Assistant County Manager explained the monthly camping rate was not contemplated during the budget process. I said that I had had a conversation with County Manager, Michael Carter and he agreed \$400 was appropriate.

Leashes at Veterans Park

There was discussion about signs at Veterans Park regarding restraining animals.

County Attorney, Heather Klein said we should follow the ordinance.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the request to erect signs at Veterans Park suggesting dogs be leashed. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Appoint Deputy Clerk, Miranda Roupe

Assistant County Manager, Drew Todd explained the correspondence with the School of Government about appointing a Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner John Irwin explained his correspondence with the School of Government.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion for Miranda Roupe to fill the Interim Deputy Clerk position. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Laurel Springs VFD Rescue Contract

Assistant County Manager, Drew Todd explained the LSVFD Rescue Contract and that the County Attorney and EMS Director have reviewed.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the contract with one correction. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Recreation Committee update

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said there have been two meetings with the Wellness Center about the potential for a new pool.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said there are plans to go up to Avery County and look at their new pool facility. She said we do not have a set location, plans or drawings.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said a group with the County and Wellness Center plan on going to Avery on 9/12 to gather information. He said they had heard projections that if they started tomorrow, a pool would be complete in 2024. He said there will have to be a fundraising project when this comes to the future.

County Manager comments

Assistant County Manager said we all wish Michael Carter a speedy recovery. I said we met with David Daniel, RND Architects, Dana Phillips and David Spicer about plans for 90 S Main and David hoped to have plans to permitting by 9/12.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner Mark Evans said there has been some positive news about Mr. Carter. He said he hoped everyone was respectful of different ideas and opinions during election season.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the fair was a big success. He thanked Blue Ridge Electric for getting the people stranded on the ferris wheel down. He thanked volunteers. He said the brick mason is starting on the Charters of Freedom at Veterans Park. He said Music on Main was packed.

Commissioner John Irwin said he and Jeff Smith visited Michael in intensive care Monday and he and Brenda visited him on Friday. He said Michael is home and asked the public to pray for Kristin. He said Michael was in the hospital for 2 weeks and is home, doing great and in great spirits. He apologized to his wife.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said we miss Michael and are praying for him. She thanked Drew Todd for stepping in. She said there have been lots of events and ribbon cuttings which shows the Chamber is working hard and new businesses are coming to the county. She said the fair was fantastic. She sent a kudos to the Rec Department for all the opportunities they have going for the kids.

Chair Bill Osborne said he missed seeing Mr. Carter and wished him a speedy recovery and his wife during this challenge. He said the fair was a huge success. He said there was a huge crowd at Music on Main and there are good things going on in Alleghany County. He thanked the Chamber and said Deanna Ballard gave them the first phone call about the pool project. He said the roof needs to be replaced at the Lions Club this fall. He said if you haven't, make church a part of your weekend.

Closed Session

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne said no action was taken during closed session.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman