



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 3rd, 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.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

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AGENDA

Monday October 3rd, 2022
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 9/19 (pages 1-5)

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 **General Business:**

- i. JCPC appointments – Chair Bill Osborne (pages 6-7)
 - a. Scott Stoker
 - b. Leigh Bricker
- ii. Recreation MOU – Randy Murphy, Recreation Director (pages 8-14)
- iii. Fire debris waiver – David Spicer, Public Works Director

B. 6:40 **County Manager Comments**

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

D. **Adjourn**

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

Public comments

No comment

General Business

JCPC appointments

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the JCPC appointments. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Recreation MOU

Randy Murphy, Recreation Director explained the changes to the Recreational Facilities MOU.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Recreational Facilities MOU. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Fire debris waiver

David Spicer, Public Works Director said the previously discussed fire debris waiver did not include any additional insurance to cover demolition. He said part of the debris will be beneficial fill.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the fire debris waiver. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

Deanna Ballard Day

Commissioner Bobby Irwin explained Senator Deanna Ballard Day will be October 17th at 1 pm in the Richard L. Doughton Courtroom Annex. He said there will be a framed resolution, light refreshments and water.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said it is election season and encouraged everyone to educate themselves and vote. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for providing a prisoner to help plant flowers.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said a committee was set up to discuss the opioid funds. She said the news of the \$47M to build a new high school was great and the money came from the NC State Education Lottery.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he is looking forward to the new school and updates to some other facilities. He said we were fortunate the hurricane was not as bad as predicted and said we should think of the folks who were hurt worse.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said phase two of bricks were installed at Veterans Park and the Charters of Freedom are done. He said it was a little more than 200 additional bricks. He said Mayor John Miller celebrated his 90th birthday at the VFW. He said the \$47M for the school system is the biggest thing to hit this county and the high school will be set for at least 50 years. He said last week a group visited Avery County to look at their swimming pool and it would be his hope to mirror their pool. He said there is a Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Chair Bill Osborne said Music on Main had a nice event despite the weather. He said Bottomley Evergreens has the truck show and raised \$410,000 for Brenner's Childrens Hospital. He said he also hopes everyone votes. He said the \$47M may be the biggest thing to ever hit Alleghany County in his lifetime and will be a big relief to the taxpayers. He said Daniel Roten, Emergency Manager was on top of things over the weekend with the hurricane threat.

Adjourn

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman