



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 7th, 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 Manager, Michael Carter, 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 November 7th, 2022
6:00 pm

6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 10/3 work session, 10/3, 10/13, 10/17
(pages 1-12)

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. Annual Volunteer Awards – Jennifer Richardson (pages 13-36)

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

- i. Resolution designating the Review Officers – Travis Dalton (page 37)
- ii. LPA notary fees – Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (page 38)
- iii. NC Department of Commerce Resolution regarding a building reuse grant – Bryan Edwards, Chamber (page 39)
- iv. AppHealth letter of support for grant submission – Jennifer Greene, AppHealth (pages 40-42)
- v. Inmate Medical Insurance increase – Drew Todd (pages 43-47)
- vi. TDA Appointments:

- a. Shirley Richardson (reappointment 3-year term)
- b. Jay Woodruff (to fill Jeff Smith vacancy)

C. 6:40 **County Manager Comments**
October Building Inspections report (page 48)

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

E. **Adjourn**

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

Public comments

No comment

Presentations to the Board

Annual Volunteer Awards

Jennifer Richardson introduced herself and suggested Alleghany County start a volunteer recognition. She explained the process in Ashe.

General Business

Resolution designating the Review Officers

Travis Dalton explained the Review Officers Resolution.

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

LPA notary fees

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the update LPA notary fees.
Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

NC Department of Commerce Resolution

Bryan Edwards explained the Resolution Regarding a Building Reuse Grant for Project WRAP. He asked that the Board of Commissioners take action at the November mid-month meeting.

AppHealth letter of support

Donna Hill and John Simmons introduced themselves and explained the request from AppHealth to support the collaborative action plan for opioid mitigation strategies.

Donna Hill said AppHealth will be facilitating the grant. John Simmons explained some programs that he is currently working on in Alleghany. He explained the syringe service program provided by Olive Branch.

There was discussion about when the first \$10,000 is due (January 1), when the advisory group will meet and County Manager, Michael Carter confirmed the commitment of \$7,500 annually through 2038.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the revised letter of support for AppHealth. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Inmate Medical Insurance increase

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

TDA appointments

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman made a motion to approve the recommended TDA appointments. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 4:1 (aye: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman nay: Commissioner John Irwin)

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the off-road diesel proposal from Hometown Oil. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the kerosene proposal from Hometown Oil. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the fuel oil proposal from Hometown Oil. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the propane proposal from Blue Ridge Energies. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter encouraged the Board to look over the October building inspections report. He said Republic Services was understanding and there is no additional cost for disposal to be concerned about until the new budget cycle.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin agreed he doesn't know how people are going to buy fuel with the prices increasing. He thanked the Sheriff for providing inmates to spread County mulch at the Annex. He said tomorrow is in-person voting and encouraged everyone to vote. He said he believes this one is the most important election and he said if you don't vote, don't complain.

Commissioner Mark Evans encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman commended the Chamber and businesses that supported Trunk or Treat. She encouraged everyone to vote.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin echoed what Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said about Halloween night. He said Veterans Day is this Friday scheduled for Veterans Park and if it is inclement weather, they will move to the VFW. He thanked the Recreation and Maintenance departments for getting everything ready at the Veteran's memorial.

Chair Bill Osborne said Trunk or Treat was a ball of fun. He gave kudos to the Chamber of Commerce; Lisa, Bryan and Heather. He said every registered voter should turn out and vote and let your voice be heard.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman