



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 4th, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

AGENDA  
Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation  
Motion on Agenda for December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting  
Motion on Meeting Minutes 11/6 and 11/20
- A. 6:35 Spotlight Business,
- B. 6:45 Presentation of VFD Resolutions of Appreciation (Page1-6)
- C. 7:00 Public Agenda Comments
- D. 7:15 Elect Chair & Vice-Chair
- E. Register of Deeds' Bond
- F. Appoint Clerk to the Board
- G. Appoint County Attorney
- H. Board Appointments – Action Requested – Appoint Commissioners (Page7-14)
- I. Rules of Procedures – Action Requested – Vote on procedures (Page15-24)
- J. 7:30 Wendy Williams, Mapping/E911 (Page 25-29)  
1. Public Hearing for Readdressing Ball Park Rd and Renaming the South Main Street Entrance
- K. 7:45 Travis Dalton, County Planner– (Page 30-31)  
Re: Request for a variance to the Alleghany County Subdivision Ordinance - **Action Requested**
- L. 8:00 Consent Agenda  
1. VFD Resolution Approval  
2. Approval for readdressing and renaming  
3. Propane Bid Award (Page 32-34)
- M. General Business  
1. Glade Creek Volunteer Fire Department Storm Reimbursement (Page 35-42)  
2. Unsolicited offer on Lot 131, Hidden Forest- River County Estates (Page 43-56)
- N. Public Comments – 30 minutes
- O. County Manager Comments
- P. Commissioners Comments
- Q. Adjourn

County Manager Mike James opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioner Prince made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James read the resolutions thanking all the Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squad for their work during the storm in October. He then presented them each with a copy of the resolution.

County Manager Mike James opened the floor for public agenda comments. Seeing none he closed that section.

Commissioner John Irwin nominated Commissioner Bobby Irwin as chair.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked Commissioner John Irwin for the thought but felt he couldn't fulfill the job as chair.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin nominated Commissioner Mark Evans as chair. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Evans opened the floor for nominations of a vice chair.

Commissioner Tom Smith nominated Commissioner Bobby Irwin for vice chair. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to nominate Lauren Linker as clerk to the Board. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Larry Prince nominated Donna Shumate as board attorney Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to keep all board appointments the same as currently. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to add the public agenda comment, public comments, and consent agenda to the rules and procedures. Commissioner John Irwin seconded, Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James went over the road number change for Ball Park road.

Commissioner Tom Smith clarified this was happening to stay consistent with the Emergency 911 protocol.

Chair Evans opened the public hearing regarding the Ball Park Road renumbering.

Bob Atwood of Ball Park Road, said it would be such an inconvenience. He noted he would have to change his address on about fifty items.

Chris Sterven of Ball Park Road, he noted that it is such a small town and small road, you would be able to see if there was a house on fire. He went on to say that it is a big deal when your address doesn't match for your passport for people that travel.

Chair Mark Evans closed the public comments section and asked if the Board was being asked for action at this meeting. The Board then discussed the issue and the legality of the situation.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to rename the one section as South Ball Park Road. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to recommend to E911 that no changes be made, and the current assigned addresses remain the same. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the history of a variance request and went over the new information provided the County Planner, Travis Dalton.

Chair Mark Evans stated he had been to look at the property. He noted this was his only way to modify the property. He also noted he didn't feel like there would be any issue to come back on the county because two normal vehicles could pass on the road.

Commissioner Smith noted his prior hesitation was due to one that was denied in the past, but knowing now this is the only access to the property changed the situation.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to grant the variance. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

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

County Manager Mike James explained the expenses from the Glade Creek Volunteer Fire Department due to the big storm in October and felt it would be good to reimburse the department for its expenses.

Commissioner Prince made a motion to approve a reimbursement of \$768.69 to Glade Creek Volunteer Fire Department for their storm cleanup. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained an offer that had been made on a lot the county owned in a housing development out in Piney Creek. He noted it really has no value to the county and it would add about \$22 back to the tax roll.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to accept the unsolicited offer. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Evans opened the public comments seeing no one he then closed that section.

County Manager Mike James informed the Board of three tax foreclosures that will be for sale at the Courthouse steps. He reminded the Board of the community hospital kickoff. Next, he updated the Board on the pathway from the high school to Wilkes Community College. He then reminded everyone of the change to the January meeting dates to the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> since both normal dates were holidays. He then went over the quoted option to proceed with live streaming and HD cameras.

Commissioner John Irwin expressed his concerns of the opioid crisis and the need for the county to get in front of the issue.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin gave an update on the Veterans brick sale. He then updated the Board from his VAYA Health Board meeting and noted opioids is a great financial burden to all local governments involved in the VAYA health group.

Chair Evans said it was eye opening to spend some time with the Sheriff's Office and see all that's going on in our community.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about a class action lawsuit from state and counties against a pharmaceutical company. County Attorney said there was, but was unclear that Alleghany County needed to be involved.

County Manager Mike James commended the county employees in the administration buildings for helping brighten Christmas for the foster children of the county.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Mark Evans  
Chair of the Board