



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

Present: Chairman Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager Mike James, and County Attorney Donna Shumate.

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

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve minutes from 1/7. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA

Monday, February 4, 2019

6:30 pm

- 6:30 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 1/7/2019 (pages 1-4)

- A. 6:35 **Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Business**
 - i. Alleghany Writers

- B. 6:45 **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.

- C. 6:55 **Presentations to the Board**
 - i. Nick Hawks, Sheriff's Department – Request for 2 Narcotics Detectives (board action requested) (page 5)
 - ii. Josh Greene, Maintenance – HVAC units at the Business Development Center (board action requested)
 - iii. Tonya Marshall, Gould Killian – 17/18 Audit
 - iv. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 6-60)
 - 1. Report of Unpaid Taxes that are Liens on Real Property
 - 2. Set advertising date for 2018 unpaid taxes (board action requested)
 - v. Chad Beasley, Alleghany County Schools – Proposed school calendar flexibility legislation (pages 61-67)

- D. 7:30 **General Business**

- E. 7:30 **Consent Agenda** (Board action requested)
 - i. Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 68-73)
 - 1. December auto refunds
 - 2. December real & personal property refunds
 - 3. December real & personal property releases

- ii. BROC Community Services Block Grant FY 19-20 approvals: (pages 74-125)
 - 1. Emergency Assistance Project # one (1)
 - 2. Family Self-Sufficiency Project # two (2)
 - 3. Budget
- iii. General Fund budget amendment #22 in the amount of \$587 for Social Services Donations (page 126)
- iv. General Fund budget amendment #23 in the amount of \$30,183 for Governor Crime Commission Grant (page 127)
- v. Reappointment of North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature delegate (page 128)
- vi. Resolution declaring surplus property (pages 129-130)
- vii. Resolution designation of applicant's agent (FEMA disaster assistance grant) (pages 131-132)

F. 7:45 **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.

- G. 7:55 **County Manager Comments**
- i. TDA funding July-December 2018 (page 133)
 - ii. Update on economic development projects
 - iii. Fairgrounds improvements
 - iv. February Dine Out challenge

H. ***Closed Session**

I. **County Commissioner Comments**

J. **Adjourn**

Spotlight Business

Ginger Collins introduced herself and highlighted Alleghany Writers.

John Beamus explained his role at Glade Creek Elementary School through a grant opportunity.

Public Comments/Agenda Items

No comment

Presentations to the Board

Nick Hawks, Sheriff's Department

Nick Hawks explained the request for two narcotics detectives to be added to the Sheriff's department. He described the current load on the Sheriff's department with the increase in calls, cases and arrests.

Nick Hawks said these two detectives would be 100% focused on the distribution of narcotics in Alleghany county.

Chair Mark Evans asked Nick Hawks to expand upon the reason for two officers instead of starting with one.

Nick Hawks said narcotics cases must be a team effort for confidential reasons but there are checks and balances with these types of cases. He explained he is asking for an additional \$4,000 in overtime for these positions because once these cases are set into motion, you can't just go home at normal quitting time. Sometimes these cases will run over normal working hours.

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

Josh Greene, Maintenance

Chair Mark Evans explained the primary concern is the roof at the Business Development Center. He said the HVAC units need to be replaced before addressing the roof for liability purposes.

Josh Greene asked for approval to request formal HVAC bids.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve for Josh to request formal HVAC bids. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Tonya Marshall, Gould Killian

Karen Evans introduced Gould Killian as Alleghany county's new auditors and Tonya Marshall as the lead auditor.

Tonya Marshall introduced herself and gave a generally summary of Alleghany county's 2018 audited financial statements.

Tonya Marshall said Gould Killian did issue a clean opinion meaning the county's financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with GAAP.

Tonya Marshall said Gould Killian also issued a clean opinion on compliance with federal and state grants.

Tonya Marshall said there was one material weakness and 3 other findings on general compliance.

Tonya Marshall went over the General Fund summary.

Tonya Marshall explained "Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)."

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator

Rita Miller explained the 2018 unpaid taxes report and how to decipher it.

Rita Miller requested the board approve the recommended advertise date for 2018 unpaid taxes.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the recommended date to advertise unpaid taxes. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Rita Miller said according to the State Treasurer website, Alleghany is above average collections for our population size.

Chad Beasley, Alleghany County Schools

Chad Beasley asked the board of commissioners to sign a resolution giving calendar flexibility to the local school board.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve pursuing the resolution giving calendar flexibility to the local school board. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

General Business

No comment

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

No comment.

County Manager comments

County Manager Mike James went over TDA funding for July-December 2018.

County Manager Mike James gave updates on the three economic development projects he has worked on since he became county manager.

County Manager Mike James said bidding on Fairgrounds improvements will start soon to ensure a good user experience and bigger crowds in 2019.

County Manager Mike James said the plan is to knock down the old barn, make new camping sites and update the existing camping sites.

County Manager Mike James outlined the “February Dine-out Challenge” to support Chamber members.

Closed Session in pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) the potential acquisition of real property.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to enter into closed session and include Josh Greene, Public Works Director. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Mark Evans said no action was taken during closed session.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said at the retreat the commissioners approved the ESINET system.

Commissioner John Irwin praised Kenneth Vaught and Lisa Osborne on helping a veteran in the county experiencing serious medical issues with no one to care for him.

Commissioner John Irwin said on February 7th, the State Fire Marshall will meet with VFDs about how to improve their fire ratings at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Larry Prince reiterated his support for the narcotics officers approve at the meeting. He said it is a major problem and we need to keep our eyes and ears open.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the Veterans Advisory Committee discussed the Charters of Freedom and did decide on a place to recommend its installation.

Commissioner Bill Osborne said if we could ever get the drug problem under control, it could save a lot of money.

Commissioner Bill Osborne said he is proud of the Fairgrounds and the ability for the county to highlight agriculture.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Larry Prince
Vice-Chair