

The Allegheny County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 2, 2003, at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 90 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Eldon Edwards, Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Graylen Blevins, Commissioner Patrick Woodie, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Commissioner Sandy Carter and County Attorney Ed Woltz were absent.

Chair Eldon Edwards called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Eldon Edwards stated that Dan Edwards needs to be added to the agenda after Gerald Leftwich.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this September 2, 2003, meeting. Commissioner Patrick Woodie seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA  
Tuesday, September 02, 2003  
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order  
Motion on Agenda for September 2, 2003, meeting  
Motion on Minutes for August 18, 2003, meeting
- 6:35 Gerald Leftwich  
RE: County Animal Protection Plan
- 6:40 Dan Edwards (added)  
RE: Angelou Economics Study  
County Business
1. Small Pox Policy
  2. Other Business
  3. Public Comments—30 minutes
  4. Adjourn

Commissioner Patrick Woodie made a motion to approve the August 18, 2003, minutes. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Gerald Leftwich, Emergency Management Coordinator, appeared before the Board to present the annual update to the Emergency Operations Plan.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie made a motion to add the two appendixes and the organization chart to the Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Gerald Leftwich, Emergency Management Coordinator, came before the Board to discuss the County Animal Protection Plan that will be added to the Emergency Operational Plan. He reviewed the need, purpose and responsibility of the County Animal Response Team members concerning the plan.

Mark Howell commended Allegheny County and Gerald Leftwich for their efforts on the County Animal Response Plan.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the plan; Annex N and Annex N-1 for the Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Patrick Woodie seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Dan Edwards came before the Board to address topics that was mentioned in the Angelou Economics study. He stated that he is here to represent the concerned citizens of the County. He explained that Angelou is totally out of touch with the County. He stated that the group is requesting the contract with Angelou Economics be terminated in order to get this issue resolved. He read an insert from the newspaper talking about diversifying the community. He stated that their main problem is Angelou talks about the County needs to try to get atheists into the County. He read a letter from Virginia Foxx concerning Angelou's study. He reiterated the fact that the group is concerned about getting atheists coming into the County.

Chair Eldon Edwards thanked Dan Edwards for his comments and everyone attending this meeting. He stated that the Board of Commissioners had no idea what was going to be said at the Angelou meeting. He further stated that the County didn't have anything to do with the newspaper article or Angelou's comments.

Dan Edwards asked that if there is any way the County can terminate the contract with Angelou.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie explained the entire process of developing this comprehensive economic development plan for the eight counties. He stated that Alleghany County has not contributed any money to this project. He further explained the process of having the study completed and the study being presented to the community. He stated that he has copies of the presentations available for everyone to view.

Chair Eldon Edwards, Commissioner Patrick Woodie, Commissioner Graylen Blevins, Dan Edwards and the general public continued discussing the study, Angelou Economics and keeping the work inside the County.

County Manager Don Adams presented a resolution concerning small pox. He explained that the State mandated all counties and cities adopt some type of policy to cover an adverse reaction from small pox policy. He handed out a letter from Danny Staley explaining the process of getting small pox vaccinations.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution as presented by the County Manager concerning small pox vaccination reactions. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Eldon Edwards reminded the Board about the meeting tomorrow morning at the County Office Building with Ernie Pearson and the Town Council to discuss the Bristol lawsuit.

Chair Eldon Edwards asked for public comments.

Scott Craven stated that it seems that for the citizens to understand what is best for the County, it has to be decided whether the newspaper is correct in their article. He asked who attended the meetings with Angelou and who was on the committee. He asked how the citizens can find out whether the article is correct or not.

Chair Eldon Edwards stated that the County would try to find out who was in attendance at the meetings.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins talked about he should have been at the meeting, and everyone here tonight should be in attendance like this at all times concerning all topics.

Glen Summers stated that Alleghany County can't be run like Winston-Salem or Charlotte. He referred to the article concerning the three T's.

Myrtle Taylor asked the Board what their definition of alternative lifestyles is and for the Board to go on record about the alternative lifestyles.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie stated that he can state what Helen Ruth Almond meant when she was quoted as stating she wanted to have an alternative lifestyle here. He explained that she wants to move to Alleghany County from Charlotte, and they consider this as an alternative lifestyle.

Scott Craven stated that people have been coming to live in Alleghany County for years and not call it alternative lifestyles.

Hobart Dowell stated that he was born and raised here and went through hard times growing up doing whatever needed to be done to make a living. He talked about alternative lifestyles in the Bible and his understanding of the meaning of the words alternative lifestyles.

Cora Neville stated that her and her husband and church members are here tonight to show their support for keeping Alleghany County a Christian county. She talked about the teapot museum and asked how much money is being spent.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie stated that the County hasn't put any money into the project. He stated that the Town Council paid \$20,000 to purchase a one-year option on the old Smithey's property.

Cora Neville stated that she would like to see the Genealogical Society in the basement of the Smithey's property. She further stated that she would like to see an industry of local artists selling their products here. She asked for everyone to work together.

Jim Fender asked about people coming in—are we trying to make our population grow?

Chair Eldon Edwards talked about normally people coming here are typically retired people relocating here from a larger city.

Commissioner Warren Taylor stated that any businesses or industries that have come to Alleghany County came because of the honesty, integrity, and work ethics of the County and wishes to keep it that way. He stated that the Board will take any kind of information that comes to them in any form and make the best decision possible. He thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Chair Eldon Edwards stated that he agrees with Cora Neville about the local talents and products being sold in the County.

Myrtle Taylor stated that she would like to see a building used for craft supplies in order to make the crafts to sell.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie stated that there is something already started to help the local citizens sell their arts and crafts at Trojan Village Shopping Center. He talked about the teapot project making this type of activities possible. He explained the teapot idea.

Jettie Royal asked why the County has to hire people from Texas to get this information.

Winnie Craven asked when the final draft of the study will be out.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie stated that it would be presented in October at a public meeting, and everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Dan Edwards stated that his main concern is for the young people of the County and getting jobs into the County.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie stated that everyday he works to get more jobs into the County. He stated that everyone needs to work together to get the jobs in Alleghany County.

Dan Edwards talked about getting grants and the strings tied to them.

Chair Eldon Edwards talked about Martin Marietta being a starting point for turning Alleghany County around.

Commissioner Patrick Woodie talked about a diversified industrial base.

Stewart Taylor stated that he was born here and been living here a lot during his life. He asked about why Carolina Narrow Fabrics made the decision to leave Alleghany County.

Chair Eldon Edwards stated that Carolina Narrow Fabrics was offered incentives to stay in Alleghany County.

Dan Edwards stated that is absolutely true.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he asked Carolina Narrow Fabric's owners what could the County do to keep the plant open here, and he answered nothing.

Stewart Taylor asked about selling the building to Carolina Narrow Fabric.

County Manager Don Adams talked about negotiations went on for three years before the time they left, and the negotiations fizzled. He reviewed the process of trying to get them to stay here.

Chair Eldon Edwards asked for further comments. None were received.

Being no further business, Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Eldon Edwards  
Chairman

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, HB 273, enacted during the 2003 North Carolina General Assembly requires municipalities/counties to enact a policy that addresses workers' compensation coverage for employees subject to smallpox vaccinations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners that Article VI Section 22, Worker's Compensation, of the Alleghany County Personnel Policy adopted July 1,

1996 shall be amended by adding the following sentence:

An employee having an adverse reaction to a smallpox vaccination received as an employee of Alleghany County will be handled as an Alleghany County Workers' Compensation claim.

Adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2003.