

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Tom Smith, Vice-Chair Karen Leys, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the agenda for this June 1, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Leys seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, June 1, 2015
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for June 1, 2015 Meeting
Motion on Minutes for May 18, 2015, Meeting
- 6:35 A. Judy Mabe Presentation
- 6:40 B. Kay Luffman, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chair
1. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) 2015/16 Grant in the amount of \$56,055. The grant requires a \$10,280 match, which makes the total grant \$66,335. Action Requested – Vote on the grant.
- 6:55 C. General Business
1. High Country's Workforce Agreement and Resolution
Enclosed is the proposed agreement to create the High Country Workforce Development Consortium and the resolution to join the Workforce Development Consortium. Action Requested – Vote on the agreement and resolution.
2. Solid Waste Contract
Republic Services currently transports and disposes Alleghany County's solid waste. Enclosed is the proposed agreement amendment with Republic Services. Action Requested – Vote the agreement.
3. Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Message
The County Manager's recommended budget will be presented. No action requested.
- D. Commissioner Business
1. Veterans Memorial Park Grand Opening—Chair Tom Smith will present information about the Park's Grand Opening on June 16 at 5:30pm. No action requested.
- E. Public Comments—30 minutes
- F. Commissioners Comments
- G. Adjourn

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Irwin seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Smith presented a plaque to Judy Mabe for her years of service to Alleghany County. He read the plaque. Judy Mabe stated her appreciation to everyone for their support during her career.

Kay Luffman, JCPC Chair, presented the FY 2015/16 JCPC grant application in the amount of \$66,111 including a local match of \$10,056. She reviewed the different programs in the grant; JCPC Administrative Funds, JCPC Support Services, Project Challenge and Barium Springs.

Chair Smith and Kay Luffman talked about these amounts are the same as last year.

Commissioner Leys and Kay Luffman talked about how many kids the grant helped in each area during the past year.

County Manager Don Adams talked about Barium Springs is to help kids to not go to juvenile housing, which is very expensive.

Commissioner Leys and Kay Luffman talked about the regional JCPC person is Rich Smith, and Marcie Hart works with the children directly.

Commissioner Evans talked about the importance of the preventive part helping with the children.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented information for the High Country's Workforce Agreement and Resolution as discussed at the last meeting. He stated that the request is to vote on these documents.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve the Workforce Agreement as written. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Workforce Resolution. Commissioner Irwin seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented information that was presented at the last meeting about the solid waste contract including Amendment #3 regarding the proposed rate increase.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve Amendment #3 to the solid waste contract. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the FY 2015/16 Budget Message in the amount of \$14,762,737, which is a 0.24% increase over the current amended budget. He started reading the Budget Message by reviewing the expenditures highlights and charts of the total expenditures and the explanation of the categories. He reviewed his Budget Message about the expenditures of all county revenues/property tax, sales tax, undesignated revenues expended by function and the explanation of expenditures relating to the charts. He continued reviewing the Budget Message; personnel.

Commissioner Irwin and County Manager Don Adams discussed law enforcement employees only transport inmates, transport people who been committed through mental health, how many hours the grant position of victims advocate would work is 10 hours per week and discussed the duties of the part-person versus deputies' responsibilities.

The County Manager continued to review his Budget Message including additional proposed personnel changes.

Commissioner Irwin and County Manager Don Adams discussed that the vacant position of Family Consumer Science with Extension Service would be shared 50/50 with Surry County.

The County Manager continued to review his Budget Message including insurance/retirement, capital/capital improvements.

Commissioner Leys and the County Manager discussed the stretchers that are currently at EMS are hydraulic stretchers.

County Manager Don Adams further reviewed the Budget Message regarding capital.

Commissioner Irwin and County Manager Don Adams discussed the no-till drill where the rent monies come back to the General Fund and it does pay for itself over time but doesn't

take into consideration the maintenance of it. Commissioner Irwin stressed the need for it to be kept inside.

County Manager Don Adams continued with his presentation of the Budget Message by explaining the proposed capital. He reviewed of the Alleghany County Board of Education's current expense and capital.

Chair Smith declared a brief recess at 7:43pm.

County Manager Don Adams continued to review the Budget Message by presenting information regarding special appropriations—grants & mandates/volunteer safety/primary core functions/secondary functions/new and continuing items. He talked about the \$5,400 in the budget for background checks and drug testing. He explained the vast majority of people are already drug tested due to being in safety-sensitive positions. He further explained that he is running into problems with having capability to properly run the program and the need for more conversation about this.

Commissioner Leys and the County Manager talked about currently post-accident testing is for the safety-sensitive positions. He explained that administrative employees cannot be subject to random testing. He talked about liability issues are as much or more if the program isn't ran properly.

Commissioner Evans and County Manager Don Adams talked about doing pre-employment for the safety-sensitive positions and pre-employment can easily be accomplished, which includes background checks.

Commissioner Leys and the County Manager talked further about post-accident testing.

The County Manager continued reviewing his Budget Message of the revenue highlights category including ad valorem taxes/grants and reimbursements/sales and other taxes/service fees/miscellaneous/General Fund balance and the proposed revenue-neutral tax rate of \$0.5125 per \$100 value. He further reviewed the Budget Message regarding the special fund highlights for the Transfer Facility Fund in the amount of \$851,317. He explained the operational costs are now exceeding the revenues, which has been occurring over the past several years. He explained that he is proposing to increase the household fee to \$70, per ton charge increase to \$70 and the per yard charge increase to \$6.50 per yard. He continued reviewing his Budget Message; E911 Fund in the amount of \$137,076, Transportation Operational Fund in the amount of \$379,651 including capital in the amount of \$109,450. He named the other funds and talked about these can be discussed during the budget process. He expressed his appreciation to all County employees, department heads, elected officials, special appropriation representatives, Finance and Administration's employees for their work and efforts on the budget.

County Manager Don Adams handed out the Commissioners' budget books and reviewed the calendar for tomorrow's budget meeting.

Chair Smith and County Manager Don Adams talked about 2pm to 5pm is flexible on tomorrow's calendar. The County Manager mentioned topics to discuss during the budget meeting.

The County Manager reviewed the lay out of the budget books.

Chair Smith stated his appreciation for the work done on the budget.

Chair Smith informed everyone that there will be a grand opening at the Veterans Memorial Park on June 16 at 5:30pm at the Park. He explained that the event will be informal, have light refreshments, and music. He stated everyone is invited to attend.

Chair Smith opened the floor for public comments.

Ginger Collins updated the Board about the activities of the Arts Guild of Alleghany. She listed out their most recent programs including a presentation at the Library, fire hydrants

being painted, mini-murals and signage, author Sharyn McCrumb coming to the Library on June 18. She talked about other events occurring in June.

Chair Smith asked for additional public comments. None were received. He closed that portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Irwin commented that every quarter he attends a meeting with Smoky Mountain on an advisory board. He talked about the partnership with Daymark. He explained several issues that Daymark works with including if a patient has an incident at the Hospital then the Sheriff has to be there in case there are problems. He talked about the number of employees Daymark has and the amount of income that brings to Alleghany County. He stated that one concern is they do a lot of tele-medicine over a TV screen. He said that at some point he would like someone to come from Smoky to come explain their services in Alleghany County.

Commissioner Leys added that she spoke to a retired school physiologist who said they are thankful for the tele-medicine, it is not the same but it is better than nothing. She reiterated that the Sheriff is not required to sit with the patients but he chooses to do so because of the potential increased liability.

Commissioner Leys talked about the Hospital has signed an agreement with Baptist. She talked about areas that have lost their hospitals and the impact to those communities. She stated the Hospital board is working hard. She stated her appreciation for Jim Becker and his connections at Wake Forest.

Commissioner Leys said thank you to Ginger Collins for the updates and encouraged others to do the same.

Commissioner Leys mentioned the rain date for the grand opening is June 18.

Being no further business, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Tom Smith
Chair