



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 at 1:00 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 Larry Prince, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney Donna Shumate and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator gave some ideas about how to promote the ¼ cent sales tax referendum. She said we need an advertising campaign and that every county employee needs to be educated and promoting the referendum.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Daniel Roten gave updates on the status of homes and businesses in the county after the earthquake event of the weekend.

Chief Building Inspector, Travis Dalton gave an update on the Courthouse and the risk the chimney imposes on the building as it stands.

There was consensus among the board to remove the chimney at the Courthouse and protect property and life with any other repairs.

There was discussion between the board, County Manager, Michael Carter and Chief Building Inspector, Travis Dalton about damage to schools in the county.

There was discussion about how to promote the ¼ cent sales tax with slogan, motto, advertising and marketing.

Commissioner John Irwin, Chair Bill Osborne, and Rita Miler, Tax Administrator volunteered to be on the committee to promote the ¼ cent sales tax referendum.

There was discussion about waiving tipping fees at the Transfer Station following the earthquake even from the weekend.

Sherry Dawson, BOE Director explained how to have a special election to include the ¼ cent sales tax referendum should it fail in November.

Commissioner John Irwin said the rest of the board needed to read the Emergency Action Plan.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said there had been complaints especially in Watauga about fees for wells at the Health Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman