



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 am 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.

Travis Dalton explained how waiving permit fees had been handled in the past and estimated approximately \$5,000 in lost revenues (although the revenues were unanticipated).

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to allow the Inspections department to waive permit fees for one year with their discretion due to earthquake damage. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0.

David Spicer explained there had already been 4 tons of debris from the earthquake and 5 tons of chimneys come to the transfer station.

There was discussion about asbestos material coming in from earthquake damage, the status of the loaders at the transfer station and safety concerns for employees.

David Spicer said to repair the CAT loader will be \$33,000.

There was discussion about how to track waiving tipping fees for earthquake damage.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the CAT loader repair funds could come from the Facilities Repair line item and what that budget was originally intended for.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to repair the CAT loader. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to waive tipping fees for earthquake damage for a year. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0.

There was consensus among the board to advertise in the paper the waiver of permit and tipping fees for earthquake damage.

There was discussion about specifics of the Volunteer Fire Department contracts.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the contract with the provision to input the recommended language on separating the fundraising monies and the changes discussed. Chair Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager, Michael Carter and the board discussed which structures would be maintained under the contract, how changes in the tax collection rate will affect allocations and separating fire tax funds from fundraised funds to determine the coming year's fire tax rate.

Interim Finance Officer, April Hamm explained the CARES Funds installments and where our CARES funds have been used.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the portion of the CARES Funds that are required to go to the Town of Sparta.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the discussion he had with a citizen about solid waste fees on multiple homes. It was consensus of the board to keep the current policy and not deviate to accommodate this citizen.

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an update on the land swap between Allegheny County and the Town of Sparta for the well-site at the Fairgrounds and the tank-site at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to accept the Town of Sparta's proposal for the land-swap. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the issues with the current BDC contract including the \$500 shortfall to fulfill the contract as it reads taking the money out of contingency.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to take the \$500 out of contingency to fulfill the BDC contract. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained that he thinks using the financing package funds for moisture abatement at the Courthouse is a bad idea.

County Manager, Michael Carter gave a full update on the Courthouse including HVAC inspection and roof abatement which was included in the original estimate presented on August 26th.

County Manager, Michael Carter gave an update on the facilities Ron Childs with Sedgwick appraised for damage (348 S Main, 90 S Main, Courthouse, Jail, Pool and old COA).

County Manager, Michael Carter presented the HVAC roof unit estimates and suggested using unassigned fund balance to pay for it.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the low bid (Billings Heating and Cooling) for the roof HVAC unit. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0. Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman