

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2012, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Cox, Commissioner John Goudreau, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Chair Richardson explained that Alleghany Memorial Hospital discussions and closed session for personnel needs to be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this July 2, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, July 2, 2012
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer
Motion on Agenda for July 2, 2012, Meeting
Motion on Minutes for June 7, June 8, and June 18, 2012, Meetings
- 6:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Public Hearing
RE: E-911 Road Name Change
C. General Business
1. Health Department Proclamation
2. July 16th Meeting Time and Date
3. Joint Meeting Reminder
4. Alleghany Memorial Hospital Discussions (added)
D. Commissioners Business
1. UN Agenda 21—Commissioner Goudreau
E. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel (added)
F. Adjourn

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 7, June 8 and June 18, 2012, meetings. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson opened the public comments' portion of the meeting and asked for public comments.

Dennis Smith talked about at the last meeting you were presented Agenda 21 information and according to agenda it will be discussed again. He provided more information about Agenda 21 and the electric companies' smart meters. He reviewed how the smart meters work. He talked about comments from Jerry Day regarding the smart meters, how they violate privacy and access to private data. He further talked about smart meters are surveillance machines. He provided examples. He talked about comments regarding new technology to appliances. He further talked about the smart meters are known to provide health concerns. He named a few. He said that some power companies are replacing the smart meters with analog meters. He talked about the costs and life expectancy of the smart meters versus the analog meters. He said that all of this is to reduce your carbon footprint. He said that people were not given an option about the smart meters. He cited language from the smart meter law. He talked about Congressman Bill Posey said that people could opt out of the smart meters. He further talked about problems with the smart meters. He said that smart meters are just an example of Agenda 21. He said he hopes that the Board will oppose the United Nation Agenda 21. He provided a paper that has more information about Agenda 21. He read a prayer offered before the US Senate.

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

Wendy Williams, E-911 Coordinator/Mapper, presented one road name change for the Board's approval; Marks Lane to Major Huskey Drive. She explained the location of the road.

Chair Richardson opened the public hearing regarding the 911 road name at 6:44pm and asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public hearing at 6:45pm and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Roten and Wendy Williams talked about everyone that owns property there is in agreement.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to approve the road name change as presented by the E-911 Coordinator/Mapper. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion.

Chair Richardson and Wendy Williams talked about they have followed the rules for a road name change including road name changes are only allowed during the first quarter of the fiscal year, and they have paid their \$500 fee.

Commissioner Smith and Wendy Williams talked about the property owners for this road.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams read a proclamation about Eva Wooten Day as July 20, 2012, in Alleghany County.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked to the Board about the July 16th meeting at 10:00am. He reminded everyone that Alleghany County did make it to the final 6 projects for the Golden Leaf monies. He explained that he received a phone call and email about those 6 projects have to present to the Golden Leaf board on July 16. He further explained that this is the last step and in August they will make their final decision.

Chair Richardson asked if the County provides proper notice can the Board not have the mid-month meeting.

County Manager Don Adams said that is correct. He talked about there is only one thing that has to be done in July for the Tax Office where she has to publicly present information in order for the Chairman to sign off for the collections of taxes.

Chair Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the joint meeting is scheduled here.

County Manager Don Adams talked about cancelling the July 16 meeting then having a special called meeting prior to the joint meeting in July.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to cancel the July 16 meeting then have a special called meeting on July 30 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams reminded the Board that there is a joint meeting on July 30 at 7:00pm with Sparta Town Council.

County Manager Don Adams said he wants to turn the conversation over to the Board for the discussions about the hospital. He reminded everyone that the budget is passed with \$250,000 going to the hospital. He reviewed ways that the County allocates funding; monthly, quarterly, lump sum. He asked for direction from the Board about how the funds need to be allocated.

Chair Richardson talked about a quarterly basis, and prefers to hear from them quarterly as to how their situation is at that time.

Commissioner Smith talked about if this is on a quarterly basis, we asked for them to come talk to us, and Commissioner Cox mentioned something traceable for the funding. He asked is that something to consider.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the Board can assign it towards utilities and maintenance, could require a request that identifies those costs then use that as an invoice. He further talked about if the Board goes quarterly then is it the first of the quarter or end of the quarter. He reiterated that the Board can assign the money to something.

Chair Richardson talked about giving it immediately then at the end of the quarter have them come before the Board to do a report on what that money was used for.

Commissioner Cox mentioned utilities or something along those lines where a bill could be submitted, release funds based on some type of justification of the need and use of the funds. He talked

about tying it to something specific. He further talked about the Commissioners are responsible for it. He said he doesn't have a thought on monthly or quarterly. He reiterated that he would like it to be tied to something, a report about how they are doing and if it is helping.

Chair Richardson talked about the first report could be that and then the Commissioners could tailor that.

Commissioner Smith said he has no problem with quarterly or monthly but it is important to track the money.

Chair Richardson asked for any other comments. No one spoke.

County Manager Don Adams talked about this is not a new conversation because any time there is a new program he has to find out how the Board wants to allocate the monies. He summarized what he has heard; if paid out quarterly up front won't know what the expenses were for, used monthly as example. He talked about the hospital coming to the second meeting in September about how they have used the money.

Commissioner Cox asked for examples about monthly groups.

County Manager Don Adams explained that they do annual reports and submits their entire budgets. He further explained that it varies a little from agency to agency.

Chair Richardson talked about the first report would dictate how the Commissioners determine what they have heard. He further talked about they can come and show the Commissioners how the money was spent and changes could be made at that time.

Commissioner Cox said he isn't hearing support expect Commissioner Smith to tie it to something.

Commissioner Roten said he has no problem with that.

Chair Richardson talked about telling them quarterly payment but it needs to be tracked.

Commissioner Cox talked about for utilities and debt service.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the upfront quarterly payments then at the end of three months they come before this Board for a formal presentation to talk about how the money was spent, and interest from this Board about their overall financial status.

Chair Richardson said that he thinks they would be happy to do that.

Commissioner Cox talked about they would be presenting to the public, too. He further talked about it being reasonable that they could show the Commissioners the last three months of utilities. He talked about the quarterly amount of \$62,500.

County Manager Don Adams said he can ask what their utilities and maintenance costs are.

Commissioner Cox used utilities as an example then debt service. He said that his feelings are more like debt service or utilities.

Commissioner Smith said he agrees maintenance and utilities.

Chair Richardson talked about the consensus of the Board is to have upfront quarterly payments with a report at the end of the quarter then the Commissioners can modify it, if needed.

Commissioner Goudreau presented the UN Agenda 21 resolution. He explained that the resolution is in opposition of the UN Agenda 21. He talked about everyone has had an opportunity to do research, and he had the resolution included in the packets.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Roten seconded the motion.

Chair Richardson said he cannot support this.

Commissioner Smith talked about when you get on the internet, you can find anything you want. He explained his understanding is this was in 1992 in Rio with 178 countries and this was a blueprint for developing nations to go by. He said he has a pretty good understanding about it. He further said that it is not a treaty nor is legally binding. He explained that he brought it back locally, and his concerns are about

some federal and state grants that we depend on. He said he doesn't know if the Rural Center is affected by them or ARC. He talked about keeping it locally and the recent letter from Department of the Interior. He explained that he had an immediate member of his family that was a willful landowner who had a bog and had a good relationship regarding the bog. He said that he is not prepared tonight to sign this. He further said that he has as many questions now as when he started out.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 2:3 (Larry Cox, Ken Richardson, Tom Smith).

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:11pm under NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3)—legal and (a) (6)—personnel. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn closed session at 8:16pm and reconvene the regular meeting. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Richardson stated that no decisions were made during closed session.

Chair Richardson asked the Board about permission to consider two issues; approval of two openings in the County and move forward on the lease with Daymark. No one spoke.

Commissioner Roten made a motion to allow the County Manager to move forward with advertising for Larry Davis and Janet Hampton's positions when they retire. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 4:1 (John Goudreau).

Commissioner Cox made a motion to allow the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Daymark until June 30, 2013, at the monthly rate of \$3,798. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Being no further business, Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn at 8:21pm. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman