

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October, 3rd at 6:30 pm 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 and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

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. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

AGENDA
Monday, October 3, 2016
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
Motion on Agenda for October 3, 2016 Meeting
Motion on minutes from meeting on March 24, 2016
- A. 6:35 Linda Killon, Retirement Recognition
- B. 6:55 Tony League, Veteran's Advisory Committee
Re: Veteran's Advisory Committee Requests
- C. 7:05 Mecklenburg County Young Marines
Re: Chair Smith to present proclamation for Red Ribbon Awareness week.
Action Requested – Vote on the proclamation
- D. 7:10 Sandra Wooten, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant
General Fund Budget Amendment #1. To budget for changes in personnel classification changes approved by the Alleghany County Commissioners on Monday September 19, 2016. **Action Requested** – Vote on Budget Amendment #1.
- E. Public Comments—30 minutes
- F. Commissioners Comments
 - a. Chair Smith – Cancellation of joint meeting.
- G. Closed Session – NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (6)-Personnel
- H. Adjourn

Commissioner Leys made a motion to approve minutes from March 24, 2016. Commissioner Irwin Seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith recognized Linda Killon for her retirement.

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator read a letter that retiree Linda Killon had written in appreciation for her years at Alleghany County.

Tony League, member of the Veteran's Advisory Committee went over some requests that the committee had; 1) the committee will consist of seven members, Randy Miles from the VFW with a four year term, Robert Overbay from the Marine Corps League with a four year term, Tony League with the American Legion with a two year term, Denies Crouse with the Disabled American Veterans with a two year term, Bobby Irwin will represent the County Commissioners serving a four year term and Mark Evans will represent the County Commissioners serving a two year term. There is a spot that has not been filled yet, but their position will fill a two year term and the County Manager

will be invited to participate as an ex officio of the committee. 2) Allow the committee to obtain a 501C3 non-profit status to be able to collect money for a memorial fundraiser at Veterans Park. 3) Give the committee and County Commissioners input over future and existing memorials at Veterans Park. 4) Give the committee input into hiring future County Veteran Service Officers stating that one person would have input into the hiring and interview process. 5) Add to the County Veteran Service Officer's job description to coordinate the flying of the flag on County property.

Chair Smith said he was excited to start this process with the enhancement of the memorial at Veterans Park.

Commissioner Leys asked why the Board needed to allow the committee to pursue a 501C 3 when the group is a private entity.

Tony League stated he was unclear about that.

Commissioner Evans stated it was for the fundraising for the memorial enhancement at Veterans Park.

Commissioner Irwin stated that since the park is County property was the thought that there needed to be County approval.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the requests. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Commissioner Leys asked what the time frame is to get started with the 501C3.

Tony League said that he wasn't sure how long that he had heard anywhere from two months to six months and he thought that maybe they would be able to start under someone else's 501C3 while the committee works to get their own, but they weren't sure just yet.

Commissioner Evans explained that filing could take as long as a year, but he said there was a possibility to use a local 501C3 so at the least it would take 30 days, but if they have to file their own it could take months. They are just unsure at this point.

Chair Smith introduced the Mecklenburg County Young Marines.

Commissioner Irwin read the Red Ribbon Week proclamation and spoke in appreciation to the young marines for being there and thanked their parents for supporting them.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to approve the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Sheriff Bryan Maines, asked for approval of the General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for changes in personnel classification.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1. Commissioner Evans seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith opened the floor for public comments. Seeing none Chair Smith closed that section.

Chair Smith mentioned the cancelation of the joint meeting on October 31, 2016. He stated early voting will be in the commissioner's room and he said that the Town Manager Bryan Edwards seemed to think there wasn't much to talk about since the last meeting wasn't very long ago.

Commissioner Evans spoke about the opportunity of a child advocacy center from the Alleghany Partnership for Children. He went on to speak about the County's sales tax

and the increase of the retail sales that are moving the County forward. He encouraged people to attend the last date of Music on Main.

Commissioner Irwin wanted to recognize the outreach that the Kenneth Vaught the County Veterans Service Officer has been doing and stated he had been able to help two homeless veterans.

Commissioner Leys thanked Allegheny County Public Schools, their staff and students for a wonderful meal and night of fun.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to enter into closed session. Commissioner Leys seconded. Vote 5:0

Chair Smith stated the Board was back from closed session and no decisions were made.

Commissioner Irwin made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair