



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, January 6th, 2022 at 4:00 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 Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klein, Clerk to the Board, Drew Todd.

AGENDA
Thursday January 6th, 2022
4:00 pm

4:00 Meeting called to order

A. 4:05 General Business:

- i. Define “good cause” – Rita Miller
- ii. Dispatch budget and planning

B. Adjourn

Rita Miller, Tax Administrator explained the idea of defining “good cause” when considering late applications. She said in her opinion, there had been many more requests this year than in previous years.

There was discussion between the Board, Rita Miller, County Manager, Michael Carter and County Attorney, Heather Klein about specifics to include in the definition, how to avoid HIPPA violation, a possible affidavit to filter applications, power-of-attorney mistakes and the length of the exemption.

Daniel Roten, Emergency Management Coordinator and April Hamm, HR Officer explained the annual operating budget for Dispatch. He said he is unsure of the cost to move Dispatch. He said he is working through writing the RFP for renovating Dispatch and the RFP for the new tower.

There was discussion about the reimbursement from the Town of Sparta for Dispatch. April Hamm said we have not received the requested \$50,000 reimbursement for FY21/22.

County Manager, Michael Carter explained since Esinet, there is no requirement for a secondary PSAP. There was discussion about how the Esinet backup works.

Nick Hawks, Chief Deputy explained the power and Esinet issues they have been experiencing this week and how the backups already in place have worked.

Daniel Roten said he is waiting on specs from Mobile Communications about the tower.

County Manager, Michael Carter said moving forward, he wants an update at every month’s day meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman