



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 4th, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman, Commissioner John Irwin, County Manager, Michael Carter, County Attorney, Heather Klein and Clerk to the Board Drew Todd.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, April 4, 2022
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Invocation
 - Approval of agenda
 - Motion on minutes from 3/21 (pages 1-5)

6:05 **Public Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) requiring the attention of the Commissioners. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room; please use the sign-up sheet provided.

A. 6:20 **Presentations to the Board:**

- i. Trash Pick up – Susan Miles
- ii. TDA Quarterly report – Steve Mason

B. 6:40 **General Business:**

- i. 2022 standard Notice of Decision form letter – Rita Miller, Tax Administrator (pages 6-8)
- ii. 2022 standard Notice of Decision Regarding Discovery Compromise form letter – Rita Miller (page 9)
- iii. Cherry Lane VFD contingency – David Wyatt
- iv. Alleghany Youth Activities Committee request for funds – Madison Story
- v. April Hamm, Finance Officer (pages 10-18)
 - a. Eligible Project Policy for the Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds by Alleghany County
 - b. Register of Deeds (74) Fund budget amendment #2
 - c. DPS LE Grant (60) Fund budget amendment #1
 - d. SCIF Capital Projects (56) Fund budget amendment #1
 - e. SCIF Courthouse (55) Fund budget amendment #1

f. Escheat process for Finance Office

- vi. Rescue Squad agreement
- vii. Dispatch consoles quote (page 19)

C. 7:20 **County Manager Comments**

D. 7:30 **County Commissioner Comments**

E. **Adjourn**

Public comments

Ben Massey introduced himself as NC House District 93 Democratic Candidate.

Barbara Halsey corrected statements she did not agree with regarding the Arts Council and Music on Main.

Presentations to the Board

Susan Miles gave an update on “Keep Alleghany Litter-Free.”

Steve Mason gave the TDA quarterly report. He clarified what the long-range goals may be for TDA funding.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman asked Steve Mason to reach out to the Jubilee about Music on Main.

General Business

2022 standard Notice of Decision form letter

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Standard Notice of Decision form letter. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

2022 standard Notice of Decision Regarding Discovery Compromise form letter

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the standard Notice of Decision Regarding Discovery Compromise form letter. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

CLVFD request for funds

David Wyatt explained CLVFD request for contingency funds.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the request for contingency funds not to exceed the amount in contingency. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Alleghany Youth Activity request for funds

Madison Story gave an overview of the splash pad project and said she believes the project has been fully funded. She said the project should be up and running mid-July.

Standard Allowance policy

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the standard allowance through the Dept. of Treasury. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Register of Deeds Fund budget amendment #2

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve ROD Fund budget amendment #2. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

DPS LE Grant fund budget amendment #1

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve DPS LE Grand Fund budget amendment #1. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

SCIF Capital Projects fund budget amendment #1

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve SCIF Capital Projects Fund budget amendment #1. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

SCIF Courthouse fund budget amendment #1

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve SCIF Courthouse Fund budget amendment #1. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Escheat process for Finance Office

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the escheat process for the Finance Office as explained by April Hamm subject to statute. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Rescue Squad agreement

County Manager, Michael Carter explained the revised new agreement has been approved by the Board of Commissioners and Alleghany Rescue Squad. He said he has been provided a notice of termination beginning on March 29th to begin their 30 days.

Dispatch consoles quote

County Manager, Michael Carter said the recommendation is to award the quote to Sustema for dispatch consoles. He said this is an allowable expense through the 911 board.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Sustema. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter said the asbestos study was conducted today at 90 S Main. He said RND Architects have started some of the preliminary design work at 90 S Main. He said the budget committee has met with all departments and agencies with budget requests and he will ask the Board to set the public hearing at the mid-month April meeting. He said there were several involved in landscaping around county buildings including Marsha Wagoner and Margie Smith. He explained that the meeting with DEQ regarding the supposed wetland disturbance did occur and the determination was that none of the disturbance that occurred impacted the wetlands area and the concern does not need to be followed up on further.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said Cole Edwards's comments at the March Town Council meeting reflected the situation in 2021. He said they have to be careful with county or tax money and bad optics because people get upset.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman said a couple of young people in the community wrote letters to the Board and thanked them for their interest. She thanked the volunteers.

Commissioner Mark Evans said during the work session, the Health Department said they are trying to do some things on a regional level to help with the well and septic permitting issue.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said 221 is closed for a couple days near Pop's Store to replace a culvert. He said the inserts at the Freedoms monuments have been installed. He said this county is run by volunteers and they do the lion's share of hard work.

Chair Bill Osborne Alleghany wouldn't have much without volunteers. He thanked Susan Miles for heading up the trash pick up. He said Music on Main is a great thing and he hoped it could be worked out. He said lots of good things going on with TDA monies.

County Attorney, Heather Klein said you can stop by her office to buy Rotary drawdown tickets. She said the chicken sale on Saturday was a success.

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to adjourn. There was a second. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman