



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 6:00 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.

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

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AGENDA

Monday, June 6, 2022
6:00 pm

- 6:00 Meeting called to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Approval of agenda
Motion on minutes from 5/16 special meeting, 5/16 (pages 1-6)

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. Dana Phillips – Earthquake update
ii. Vaya Health – Zack Shepherd

Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(6) Personnel

- B. 6:40 **General Business:**
i. FY22/23 Budget (fee schedules included) (pages 7-88)
ii. April Hamm, Finance Officer
a. Sick leave policy (pages 89-90)
b. Fire Tax Fund budget amendment #1 (page 91)
c. EMS line-item transfer (page 92)
d. Public Works line-item transfer (page 93)
e. DPS LE Grant fund budget amendment #1 (page 94)
f. School Capital fund budget amendment #1 (page 95)
g. Library Fund budget amendment #1 (page 96)

- iii. Replace Charlie Scott on the TDA – Commissioner John Irwin
- iv. Volunteer Fire Department contract – Drew Todd (pages 97-101)
- v. Resolution Levying an Additional One-Quarter Cent County Sales and Use Tax – Drew Todd (page 102)
- vi. Resolution Declaring Surplus Property – Drew Todd (page 103)
- vii. Duncan Recreation/PARTF update – County Attorney, Heather Klein

Request for Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.(a)-(3) To consult with an attorney, (4) To discuss the location or expansion of industries or other businesses

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

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

E. **Adjourn**

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

Public comments

Mike Dubose asked the Board to go on record about whether they still support the 2nd Amendment Resolution passed in February of 2020.

Presentations to the Board

Dana Phillips gave an Earthquake update.

Zack Shephard gave a Vaya Health update.

Request for Closed Session: Personnel

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to go into closed session to include Linda Edwards and April Hamm. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne said there was no action taken during closed session.

General Business

FY22/23 Budget

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve FY22/23 Budget with associated fees.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he missed the budget public hearing but he personally feels that the Fair and Economic Development should be funded fully. He said he is comfortable funding those from the expanded sales tax. He pointed out there is no budget ordinance presented.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman agreed and said it is important for the children of this county to be able to go to the fair.

Chair Bill Osborne said it is vitally important.

Commissioner John Irwin said he would like to see where the economic development is, there have been four businesses shut down and one teetering.

Chair Bill Osborne said in all fairness, multiple different groups are contributing to the success of the county.

County Manager, Michael Carter asked that the Board set a special meeting for the consideration of the budget. There was consensus to have the meeting this Thursday, 6/9 at 4 pm.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to table the FY22/23 budget until 6/9 at 4 pm. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Sick Leave policy

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Sick Leave Policy. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Fire Tax budget amendment

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Fire Tax budget amendment. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

EMS line-item transfer

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve EMS line-item transfer. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Public Works line-item transfer

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Public Works line-item transfer. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

School Capital fund budget amendment

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve School Capital fund budget amendment. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Library Fund budget amendment

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to approve the Library Fund budget amendment. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

TDA appointment

Commissioner Mark Evans nominated John Kilmartin. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 4:1 (aye: Chair Bill Osborne, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Mechelle Luffman nay: Commissioner John Irwin)

VFD contract

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to accept the VFD contract. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

¼ Cent Sales Tax Resoultion

Commissioner Bobby Irwin made a motion to approve the ¼ Cent Sales Tax Resolution. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property. Commissioner Mechelle Luffman seconded. Vote 5:0.

Duncan Recreation/PARTF

County Attorney, Heather Klein explained an act beyond our control has made the pool at Duncan Recreation unusable. Commissioner Bobby Irwin cited force majeure in the contract specifically identifies earthquake. Heather Klein said she is waiting on a response in writing stating her opinion.

County Manager, Michael Carter shared that about a year ago, the decision was made to close the pool.

JCPC Board appointment

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve Lloyd Terry to the JCPC Board. Commissioner Mark Evans seconded. Vote 5:0.

Request for Closed Session: consult with attorney, expansion of industry

Commissioner Mark Evans made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Chair Bill Osborne said no action was taken during closed session.

County Manager comments

County Manager, Michael Carter thanked Charlie Scott for the county and all the other events he has covered during his time. He thanked Mark Tysinger for being here tonight to help us with filming tonight. He said the intent of getting the agenda packets to the Board the Wednesday prior to the meeting is a courtesy and if there is a correction, the courtesy should go both ways to let us know before the meeting.

County Commissioner comments

Commissioner John Irwin said the county should assume the license for the PEG channels with no leadership on the ACTV Board.

Michael Carter said if a quorum exists, ACTV Board is meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Mechelle Luffman reassured the public that the pool is still something the Board is discussing and it has not been forgotten about. She said it is irresponsible not to assist the mentally ill and it's irresponsible to not be able to protect yourself. She said she stands by the 2nd amendment rights and always will. She said the only thing standing between us and anarchy in this country is the police and armed citizens.

Commissioner Mark Evans said he just caught the budget resolution mistake during the meeting.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said today is D-day; 78 years ago today, several people from Allegheny County were involved in the invasion. He said D-day was a success for the whole world. He said legislating about gun control will not keep bad people from doing bad things. He said the Memorial Day event was great.

Chair Bill Osborne commended Music on Main and thanked the Chamber and Arts Council for putting it on. He said Fiber Fest was a success. He said the Memorial Service was nice as usual thanks to the VFW. He said he firmly believes in the right to bear arms but there is work to be done on background checks.

Commissioner John Irwin said shootings are in "no gun zones." He listed other countries that do have shootings. He listed his shooting experience. He said the DAs are to blame.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Todd
Clerk to the Board

Bill Osborne
Chairman