



Alleghany County Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting 6-5-18 Minutes

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in a continued meeting on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, at 10:00 AM in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina to present the proposed budget to the Commissioners.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, Finance Officer, Karen Evans and Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker.

Chair Evans reconvened the recessed budget meeting from June 4th, 2018.

County Manager Mike James gave some updates from the yesterdays conversations. He noted the elections department would be recommending to only buy 6 express vote as compared to the 12 that is in the budget. He also mentioned that the school board sets their own monthly compensation.

The board discussed adding the safe point vault to the budget in the finance office. There was an agreement with four commissioners to place it in the budget. Commissioner Bobby Irwin was not ready to include it because he said he felt there could be some coordination with the sheriff's department to escort employees to the bank.

Chair Evans revisited the Veteran's Park paving money and the idea of splitting cost between county budget and beamer proceeds. The board discussed the savings of using tar and chip. Commissioner John Irwin suggested using 49 % of beamer proceeds and 51% from the county budget. County Manager Mike James suggested utilizing the beamer proceeds to pay for the outdoor recreation master plans. The board agreed to use the money. The board discussed economic development department, tax department, mapping department.

Commissioner Prince asked why phone service was so expensive. County Manager Mike James explained that was not only their phone line it also included the E-911 systems.

The board moved on to Register of Deeds and questioned the increase in supplies. County Manager Mike James explained the need for

The board then discussed the public buildings budget, and sheriff's department.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked about the auto line in the sheriff's department budget. County Manager Mike James explained that money is on reserve for bigger issues like transmission work that can't be done in house.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about the part time pay increase. County Manager Mike James explained it was partially security at the BDC and Community college campus as well as utilizing them for involuntary commitments that are on the rise due to drug epidemic.

Commissioner John Irwin asked why there was an increase in uniforms and Commissioner Larry Prince asked about the increase in equipment. County Manager Mike James said he will need some clarification on both of those lines.

Commissioner Tom Smith asked about overtime. County Manager Mike James said it was for the same number of hours, but at the pay increased rate.

The board discussed the big increase in budget from 2016-2017 budget year. Then, the board moved on to the dispatch budget.

Chair Evans called a five-minute recess at 11:05. He then, called the meeting back to order at 11:10

The board discussed moving next week meeting times from 10 AM to 6:30 PM and then concluded they would

The board then went over the animal control department budget, school resource officer there was a discussion on how to budget for the payment of the school resources officer. Then they discussed the grant funding for the second school resource officer position.

They moved on through the budget to the jail department budget they then discuss the food and provisions line as well as the telephone line before moving on to the emergency management department. The board questioned the \$60,000 capital purchase. County Manager Mike James explained it would be a grant from the state, so it would be no county match money. They moved on to building inspection and discussed the equipment lines increase. County Manager Mike James explained it would be for a plat scanner that was purchased last year, and this is the service on the machine.

The board then discussed the EMS budget capital purchases which County Manager Mike James explained was for a new ambulance. Then the board discussed the growing out of town trips and what the future may look like with the partnership with the hospital. County Manager Mike James explained that they are all studying to find the best options for the county and the hospital.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked if they would go out to bid for the ambulances. Karen Evans explained yes, they would and why they had held off on getting the bid till closer to purchase time.

The board moved on the cooperative extension department budget. County Manager Mike James explained there is funding for a part time person to oversee the farmers market. They moved on to the soil and water department budget. County Manager Mike James explained the request for an additional position in the office he explained he had cut the position, but they would be coming to present next week. There were no questions for the veteran's service office department budget. The board moved on to the transportation administration budget and discussed the indirect cost amount.

The board moved on to the social services department budget. Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about the two retiring positions and if they were required by state law. He then asked Commissioner Larry Prince since he was on the board if he felt they would need to rehire the two positions. County Manager Mike James noted that there are some state and federal reimbursements for the social service positions

The Board moved on through the budget the county insurance budget and County Manager Mike James explained the FSA Match may be less after insurance signups they may be able to decrease that line. The Board moved on to the debt budget to look at the loans coming due in the next budget year. Then they moved on through to the special appropriation budget. Commissioner John Irwin discussed the Arts Council amount and asked why they weren't taken to zero as well as some of the other programs. They discussed the JCPC budget.

Commissioner Tom Smith said he was not in favor of cutting some of the special appropriations.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin asked about the state match to the Arts Council from the local funding. He then went on to question the health department increase. Next, he mentioned giving Piney Creek VFD partial funding to help with their capital match for their fire station. He questioned the Historical Society budget cut, the Music on Main cut and noted it brought in so much money. He went on to mention the Partnership for Children request and noted that he would like to talk about the fire departments.

Commissioner Tom Smith recommended to have people from the special appropriation groups come speak to the board at the future meetings.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to recess until the next budget meeting June 12th, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans
Chair of the Board