

Anderson County Commission

Regular Meeting, April 15, 2019

Chair Tracy Wandell called the meeting to order. All sixteen commissioners were present.

Manager Brent Galloway of Windrock Park in Oliver Springs described how much the subsidiary of Coal Creek Mining contributes the economy of Anderson County. He reported that in 2018, there were 143,000 visitor days, 49% from out-of-state, generating \$2.65 million in tax revenue.

The Commission approved an EMS request to move money from elsewhere in their budget into the linen fund. Commissioners Scott, Yager, and Waddell voted against. Commissioners Wandell and Fritts had a sharp exchange over EMS funding. Commissioner Fritts noted that some commissioners questioned every EMS expenditure while voting for similar expenditures from other departments without hesitation. Commissioner Wandell countered that it is the duty of commissioners to question and that as long as they did it in a courteous manor one should not object.

Dr. Parrott, Director of Schools, reported that he is working with realtors and the Chamber to inform potential homebuyers of the strength of the local schools. Dr. Parrott is chair of the 16 member Ethics Committee. He asked the Commission to approve the revised County ethics policy. Commissioner Creasey objected to the changes. He had worked hard on the current version and felt that the new policy was weaker. The Commission sent the issue to the Operations Committee.

The building at 205 Main, purchased for the Senior Center for \$600,000, was offered for sale for more than a month. Only one \$300,000 bid was received. Auctioneer Bear Stephenson would like a chance to sell the building for more. He would hold a public auction, with no minimum bid, and the Commission would have right to refuse the highest bid. The Commission voted to let him try, with Commission Jamison the only vote against.

The Commission passed a resolution asking TVA to postpone the decision to close Bull Run for 90 days.

~Willa Reister, Observer