

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Randy Miller, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Attorney Donna Shumate, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Steve Roten led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Ken Richardson discussed changes to the agenda of adding item C of a resolution naming the Sparta Parkway in honor of Alleghany County veterans and change county business to item D.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this January 4, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Monday, January 4, 2010
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order
Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
Motion on Agenda for January 4, 2010, meeting
Motion on Minutes for December 21, 2009, meeting
- 6:35 A. Public Comments—30 minutes
B. Public Hearing
RE: PARTF Grant
C. Resolution Naming Sparta Parkway to Veteran Memorial Parkway
D. County Business
1. January 18 Meeting Date
2. Budget Amendment—Economic Development
3. 2010/11 Budget Schedule
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 21, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

County Manager Don Adams reminded everyone that packets are available for everyone to view regarding the public hearing for the PARTF grant. He reviewed the contents of the packets; map, budget, portions of the parks and recreation survey.

David Evans, Recreation Director, came before the Board to explain the concepts of developing the property off of the Sparta Parkway. He reviewed the map of the property including the area of wetlands that will not be touched and a possibility of how the fields could be laid out. He displayed how two games could be played at the same time. He showed the walking path around the project. He talked about the bridge crossing Bledsoe Creek, parking area, picnic shelter/concession area/restroom area. He reviewed the proposed budget including the restroom facility/picnic shelter/concessions, parking lot, grading/seeding, walking path, bridge, culvert pipes, landscaping, fencing, water/sewer/erosion control and surveying for a total of \$344,959 with the County match being \$174,479.50, which is \$41,717 over the original match from the previous grant cycle. He further reviewed the additional costs justification. He explained a couple of pages from the parks and recreation survey completed in 2005 regarding activities that households currently participates in or is interested in doing so and showed where many of these activities can be preformed on this property.

Chair Ken Richardson opened the public hearing regarding the PARTF grant at 6:51pm. He asked for public comments.

David Evans read an email from Dr. Jeff Cox, Superintendent, stating his support for this project.

Chair Ken Richardson encouraged people to correspond with the Commissioners regarding this project so the comments can be passed along to the State.

Bob Bamberg, Chamber of Commerce Director, came before the Board to voice his support for this proposal. He said it will benefit everyone. He used examples of how people will be benefited. He talked about this project will increase the amount of public recreation and could help the obesity rates for our youth. He stated that he is very excited about this project.

Chair Ken Richardson and Bob Bamberg talked about the number of chamber members being 350 and asking them to adopt a resolution of support.

Dr. Mary-Emma Beres talked about she has recently coached a soccer team, played a team from Independence here and there and talked about the comparison between the fields. She further talked about this will be a wonderful experience to have community activities in one location. She reiterated that she is very thrilled about this project. She talked about it is a wonderful idea about a walking trail. She further talked about playing soccer in the sand on Jarrett field and the challenges associated with that.

Robert Woodie came before the Board as a parent of four and voiced his support for this great facility. He talked about not always having the support of Martin Marietta's fields. He further talked about this proposed area is a great area for picnics and can have lots of different sports on the fields. He stated his support for this project.

Santiago Reales stated that he is involved with the Recreation Department by coaching soccer. He talked about the difficulty over the years is looking for a place for soccer and other sports. He further talked about a place for the Hispanic community to play soccer, too. He stated his support for this project because this is something everyone can be proud of. He talked about people are always looking for a place to play sports.

Doug Blevins, Adjutant/Quartermaster of VFW Post 7034, talked about being interested in the youth in the county and anything that can be done to assist the youth. He talked about there is a lot of potential for this area. He further talked about they suggested the name of the park at a previous meeting. He stated that the Board has the VFW's full support of this project.

Wes Brinegar, Sergeant-at-Arms with Marine Corps League Detachment 1298, stated that the Marines are behind this 100% and will do anything they can to support this project. He talked about this will be tremendous to have the access to an area like this. He further talked about it is better to keep youth active in recreation. He stated that there is all of the potential in the world for this area. He reiterated their full support.

Scott Moncrief came before the Board as a parent and plant manager of Martin Marietta. He said that as a resident/parent he is in support of this for the youth and everyone. He further said that as the plant manager of Martin Marietta, they cannot make a commitment for a long time as noted previously. He explained that Martin Marietta loves having the soccer program and hosting it, and they will continue to do as long as possible but cannot commit to more than one season at a time. He talked about this will supplement other facilities that Alleghany County has such as the Crouse Park and Lions Club which can be restricted at times. He further talked about this would be additional opportunities for the youth doing service projects like the Boy Scouts. He said that others in the community could benefit from this area such as home school students who need a place to play, also.

Chair Ken Richardson reminded everyone that if the Board supports this then the only way to move forward is a matching grant through the State. He said that the Board may ask for your support for information to be sent to Raleigh

Chair Ken Richardson asked for additional public comments. None were received. He closed the public hearing at 7:09pm and reconvened the regular meeting.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to say to move forward on this project. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion.

Commissioner Milly Richardson amended the motion to approve the PARTF grant application. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams read a resolution regarding the honorary renaming of Sparta Parkway to be Veteran Memorial Parkway.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the next meeting falls on a scheduled holiday.

The Board talked about changing the meeting to January 19th.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to move the next meeting to January 19 at 3:30pm. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment Economic Development Fund #2 in the amount of \$19,771. He explained the budget amendment is transferring monies from the General Fund and Safety Fund to reimburse for expenses paid out of the Economic Development Fund.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve budget amendment Economic Development Fund #2 in the amount of \$19,771. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a proposed budget schedule for 2010/11. He explained that he starts with June and backs up the timeline. He further explained the schedule.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about he is requesting at the mid-month meeting in January and February for the County Manager to update the Board on the finances of the County for the departments to know which way to go with the budget.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to set the budget dates. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that the Cecil Brooks, President of the local Rotary Club, asked to let everyone know that they will be collecting donations for the eradication of polio in the world and would like for people to support them.

Commissioner Randy Miller thanked everyone here tonight and speaking their support.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated he appreciates the support for coming out on a night like tonight.

Commissioner Steve Roten reiterated his appreciation for people coming out for support tonight.

Being no further business, Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 7:19pm. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman