

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council met in joint session on Monday, January 30, 2012, at 7:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: County: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Larry Cox, John Goudreau, Steve Roten, County Manager Don Adams, Clerk to the Board Karen Evans, Town: Mayor Pro Tem Agnes Joines, John Brady, Chris Jones, Ryan Lane, Mike Parlier and Town Manager Bryan Edwards.

Chair Richardson called the County meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Joines called the Town meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to approve the agenda for this January 30, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

John Brady made a motion to approve the agenda for this January 30, 2012, meeting. Mike Parlier seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting
January 30, 2012
Agenda

- 7:00pm Meeting Called to Order
 Motion on Agenda
- 7:05pm Craig Hughes, High Country Council of Governments
 David Keilson, NC Department of Transportation
 RE: Alleghany County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update
- 7:20pm Peter Marks, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
 RE: Farmers Market Site Assessment and Needs Assessment
- Other Business
- Town Adjourn/County Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams introduced David Keilson with NCDOT Transportation Planning Department and Craig Hughes with High Country Council of Governments who will be presenting updated information about the Alleghany County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). He explained the background of creating this CTP.

David Keilson with NCDOT Transportation Planning Department presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the draft maps and explained the next steps in the CTP.

Craig Hughes, Transportation Planner with High Country Council of Governments, explained that the maps must be approved.

David Keilson explained the CTP, summary of draft recommendations, and the usage data doesn't support the need for a 4-lane road.

County Manager Don Adams and David Keilson talked about after further review of the data, the data supports a 3-lane road from Andrews Ridge Road to Sparta. They further talked about the location of the Sparta Parkway and reasons for the location.

David Keilson continued reviewing the draft version of the maps. He explained the map adoption process.

David Keilson, Craig Hughes, County Manager Don Adams and Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about the Boards can hold joint or separate public hearings, must be documented in each set of minutes, public hearing must be advertised, next step is to get the draft prepared to send to the steering committee for their review then schedule a public hearing for the adoption of the new CTP.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards provided a brief update about the water authority project.

Peter Marks, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, presented an Alleghany County Farmers Market PowerPoint presentation including information about the trend of the number of operating farmers markets, reasons for a farmers market, assessment elements, sites considered with the recommendations of the Town lot site and the Crouse Park site, and site action checklist for each site.

Commissioner Smith and Peter Marks talked about there hasn't been a formal vehicle count or walking count at the sites but they relied on people they talked to about the sites.

John Brady said that it appears to involve the Town more than the County because of the selection of two Town sites.

Peter Marks reviewed Market recommendations including asking the Town and County to engage in the Market equally.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about the Town Council will have to decide on the Town's property. He further talked about the Town would be interested to hear from the group about their needs and this recommendation along with the group coming to the Town Council with a recommendation.

Chair Richardson asked about the Town and County sharing equally. Peter Marks used an example in Asheville where the electrical services had to be upgraded. Bryan Edwards provided an example of if an upgrade needs to be done the Council would like the County to help with the infrastructure.

Peter Marks thanked everyone and said to let him know how else he can help.

Mike Parlier talked about loving winter so far this year.

Agnes Joines stated her appreciation for tonight. She asked everyone to keep John Miller in their prayers.

Commissioner Roten said he is glad to be here.

Commissioner Cox talked about the Farmers Market is opening on May 12 so there is a short timeline.

Chair Richardson talked about election years are the best time to get things done. He explained that at the last Commissioners' meeting he listed several goals to be accomplished. He provided an example of every county should have one elected official in direct communications with the Secretary of Commerce in order to have better contact with the Commerce Department. He talked about looking for candidates for the House and Senate since we are moving into new districts. He further talked about statewide candidates will be coming to the area. He explained he recently had a great meeting in Raleigh and listed the people that he met. He further explained this is how you get things done. He said let's make this the most productive year yet.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the County meeting at 8:08pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Mike Parlier made a motion to adjourn the Town meeting at 8:08pm. John Brady seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman