

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 5:30pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting is to consider planning board applications.

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

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda for this February 28, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

AGENDA
Wednesday, February 28, 2007
5:30 PM

5:30 Meeting Called To Order
Motion on Agenda for February 28, 2007, meeting
5:35 County Business
1. Consideration of Planning Board Applications
Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams stated that each Commissioner has had an opportunity to review the applications. He reviewed information on how the Commissioners ranked the candidates.

County Manager Don Adams and County Attorney Donna Shumate discussed tentatively approving the candidates tonight, vote on the ordinance Monday then vote on the candidates.

County Manager Don Adams talked about Jerry Brooks, Bruce Cook and Dan Abernathy received the support of all five Commissioners.

The Board talked about following down the ranking list to consider Kenneth Brinegar and David Isner since they received the support of four out of five Commissioners.

Amy Pardue asked about Kenneth Brinegar and David Isner being from Gap Civil and one serving as an at-large member.

The Board talked about ways to select the remaining members.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about Bill Rost being on the planning board because he was originally on the planning committee and the knowledge that he has regarding the ordinance. He further talked about administering an oath of office to the members, and the members should have to uphold the ordinances.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that she has talked to William Caudill, Sharrel Wyatt and Martha Holder, and they would not tear down the ordinances. She talked about Sharrel Wyatt versus Bill Rost and having people not selected go to the next round by saving their applications and offering the positions to them at that time.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about people may resign and the Board may need to look at the applications again. He requested that the applications be kept on file.

The Board talked about ways to select the remaining members.

County Manager Don Adams stated that the papers he distributed are for discussion purposes only and that the Board doesn't need to officially vote on the members tonight.

Commissioner Warren Taylor stated that he doesn't think this is voting because the Board is selecting members individually.

County Manager Don Adams stated if the Board wants to vote on the members then the proper way is to write the names on a paper and sign it.

Amy Pardue handed out papers to vote.

The Board submitted four names each: Randy Miller—William Caudill, Sharrel Wyatt, Martha Holder, Michelle Bedsaul; Doug Murphy—William Caudill, Sharrel Wyatt, Martha Holder, Michelle Bedsaul; Milly Richardson—William Caudill, Sharrel Wyatt, Martha Holder, Michelle Bedsaul; Ken Richardson—Sharrel Wyatt, John Huffman, Bill Rost, Gleason James; Warren Taylor—Mike Rowe, John Huffman, Bill Rost, Randy Blankenship. County Manager Don Adams started tallying the votes.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that whatever is done today isn't validated because the ordinance hasn't been voted on. He talked about the need to discuss having an alternate on the board.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that she thinks the Board needs to pick the names then put them into the ordinance and go on. She talked about how tough this is because these all are good people.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that he would like to publicly thank the people who submitted applications.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about it is a good goal to have one from each township but that goal may not happen all of the time.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about it doesn't have to be the rule.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that a lot of applications are from Gap Civil but they live in the Town of Sparta and the need to keep the townships represented.

Chair Ken Richardson asked about the votes being unanimous on each member.

Commissioner Warren Taylor, Commissioner Milly Richardson and Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about using a majority vote rather than an unanimous vote.

Amy Pardue stated that most places handle their applications this way.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about a job description for the planning board members.

County Manager Don Adams stated that he will go through an orientation session with the new members.

Commissioner Warren Taylor stated that five will be a quorum for this board because there are nine members

County Manager Don Adams read the results of the ballots including the at-large members; Jerry Brooks, Cherry Lane; Bruce Cook, Cranberry; Dan Abernathy, Prathers Creek; Kenneth Brinegar, Gap Civil; Sharrel Wyatt, Whitehead; Martha Holder, Piney Creek; Michelle Bedsaul, Glade Creek and David Isner and Bill Caudill serving as at-large members.

Being no further business, Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 5:57pm. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman