

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation held a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 6:30pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. This meeting was held to discuss the 2007-2008 Secondary Road Construction Program.

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

Present – NC Department of Transportation: Scott Gallman, Bonnie Sapp, Jimmy Church, Carolyn Hudson and Teresa Woodle.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and turned the meeting over to Scott Gallman.

Scott Gallman introduced the Department of Transportation staff. He reviewed how the funding is allocated. He explained how the priority system works and is updated every four years. He reviewed how they count every structure on the road and issue points accordingly with the highest points roads being first on the priority list. He further reviewed the allocation for FY 2007-2008. He explained the program including the roads that would be paved in FY 2007-2008. He further explained spot stabilizations, paved road improvements, replacement of small bridges with pipe and safety projects. He stated that the secondary road program is subject to the availability of funding, right-of-ways, and environmental review, proposed funding allocations are projections, continuing down the priority list to fund additional secondary road projects if additional funding is available and continuing down the priority list if secondary roads cannot be paved due to the inability to obtain right of way.

Scott Gallman asked for questions from the County.

Chair Ken Richardson and Scott Gallman talked about the last time the roads were reviewed was in 2005 and the next count is due in 2009.

Chair Ken Richardson and Scott Gallman talked about how much of the gas tax benefits Alleghany County, how it is figured and how smaller counties probably receive more monies than is paid.

Commissioner Warren Taylor and Scott Gallman talked about procedures of having a road removed from the hold list.

Commissioner Warren Taylor, County Manager Don Adams and Scott Gallman talked about ways to obtain right of way and ways to proceed forward with a paving project including alternatives if the right of way isn't obtained.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Scott Gallman talked about this is the secondary road program and bridges are normally included on the TIP program. They discussed bridges that are being reviewed in Alleghany County. County Manager Don Adams explained that there are several bridges identified on the TIP, which is available in his office.

Scott Gallman opened the floor for questions from the public.

Barbara Conrad talked about the Ward Road issue. She explained the ongoing water problems at the end of Ward Road. She talked about she can't get it paved until the water problem is resolved. She said she doesn't need it paved but just wants the water problems fixed.

Scott Gallman talked about the ranking priority system. He further talked to Barbara Conrad about the water issues.

Scott Gallman stated that no one else requested to speak. He reviewed the three options before the Commissioners regarding this program.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to concur with the program presented tonight. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Chair Ken Richardson thanked the Department of Transportation for this program.

Chair Ken Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Ken Richardson  
Chairman