

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council held a joint meeting on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 7:00pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Randy Miller, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Mayor John Miller, Town Council Members John Brady, Agnes Joines, Mike Parlier, County Manager Don Adams, Town Manager Bryan Edwards and County Clerk to the Board Karen Evans.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order for the County at 7:00pm and welcomed the Town to the County's new meeting room. He stated that he has enjoyed working with the Town over the years and supports their efforts. Chair Ken Richardson stated that Amy Pardue, Recreation Director, needs to be added to the County's agenda.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the amended agenda for this April 30, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting

April 30, 2007
Agenda

7:00pm	Meeting Called to Order
	Motion on Agenda
	Motion on Minutes
7:05pm	Chamber of Commerce
7:25pm	Other Business
	Amy Pardue (added)
	RE: Recreation

Mayor John Miller called the meeting to order for the Town at 7:02pm. He stated his appreciation for the kind words from the County. He further stated that they are glad to be here and feel like these meetings are important.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 29, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards stated that the minutes have already been approved by the Town.

Bob Bamberg, Chamber Director, presented information about the Sparta 2010 vision. He briefly explained the 2010 project and the STEP grant. He gave a PowerPoint presentation showing data for the project.

DW Miles handed out papers showing the activities for the June Jamboree. He talked about a meeting with the merchants on Tuesday mornings that has been active for a couple of years. He stated that Mr. Bamberg's report is the most accurate information that he has seen. He reminded everyone that we are one town and one community. He talked about there are a lot of good things happening in town and being fortunate to have all of the store fronts full. He described the June Jamboree and the activities planned. He explained the promotion is geared towards the local citizens to try to educate them about what Alleghany County has. He further explained that it goes for five weeks starting on Memorial Day. He talked about pledging money for the event. He further talked about people planning their vacations around these activities. He stated that they would be asking the County and Town to help support the June Jamboree by paying for a full-page ad.

Bob Bamberg talked about the parade and street dance afterwards.

DW Miles talked about their progress with the activities so far.

Mayor John Miller stated that if a request is made, they would probably get something.

DW Miles stated that he believes a full-page ad runs around \$700.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Bob Bamberg talked about the suggestion to have a targeted recruiting plan.

County Manager Don Adams explained that Bob Bamberg went to Raleigh to represent the Blue Ridge BDC along with Phil Trew. He explained that the meeting was about a CDBG grant program that has an opportunity for an entrepreneur developer position that could be housed at the BDC and help with the duties that Bob Bamberg is talking about. He further explained that the Rural Center has potential funding after the CDBG funding. He stated that there are options that could be explored to help in that type of recruiting and any other recruiting.

Mayor John Miller stated his appreciation for the people that help the town.

Chair Ken Richardson stated his appreciation.

John Brady stated his appreciation, also. He further stated that he believes the efforts are paying off because you can see a lot more people downtown. He said he thinks a good job is being done.

Agnes Joines talked about having more people in town. She stated her appreciation.

Mike Parlier said he would like to see the momentum pick back up for the Teapot Museum.

Being no further town business, Mayor John Miller adjourned the Town's meeting at 7:50pm.

Amy Pardue, Recreation Director, came before the Commissioners to give everyone an update on the Duncan Recreation Center and the PARTF grant. She explained the PARTF grant including the timeframe of three years to complete a grant once it has been awarded. She talked about a survey that has been completed showing what the community is looking for regarding recreation. She explained that the contract was approved in August of 2006 for \$128,830. She talked about the age of the Center, current issues with the Center, the project scope, and going back to lowest bidder, Cabarrus Pools, and asking for an updated quote. She reviewed the updated costs. She explained that Cabarrus Pools can be done with the work by June 30 to be open by July 4. She further explained that she has talked with Joe Potts at the Wellness Center about using their pool as a community pool during June. She continued reviewing the costs breakdown.

Commissioner Doug Murphy, County Manager Don Adams and Amy Pardue talked about the depth of the pool.

Commissioner Warren Taylor and Amy Pardue talked about why this hasn't been started sooner including Ms. Pardue's assistant left, her hospital stay, and a new assistant had to be trained.

County Manager Don Adams talked about differences in the costs updates.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Amy Pardue talked about insurance issues with the diving boards.

County Manager Don Adams and Amy Pardue explained items in the project including the fencing and items that the Maintenance Department will be doing.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to authorize the work that Amy Pardue is talking about. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion.

Amy Pardue stated that there are still some issues to work out.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Chair Ken Richardson talked about safety issues.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

Being no further county business, Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

ATTEST:

Ken Richardson
Chairman