

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation held a public hearing on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 6:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. This meeting was held to discuss the 2012-2013 Secondary Road Construction Program.

Present - County: Chair Larry Cox, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Karen Leys, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. NC Department of Transportation: Charles Reinhardt, John Hughes and Todd Spurlin.

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and turned the meeting over to Charles Reinhardt.

Charles Reinhardt introduced the NCDOT staff. He started explaining the program for FY 2012-2013 by reviewing the funding allocation in the amount of \$358,569.47. He explained how the priority system is based on the 2009 ranking. He continued explaining the program including the road that would be paved for FY 2012-2013 but already cannot get right of way. He further explained spot stabilizations, paved road improvements, replacement of small bridges and safety projects categories.

Charles Reinhardt asked for questions from the County.

Commissioner Smith asked if the unallocated funds/reserves are for the widening of US 21. Charles Reinhardt explained this program is only for secondary roads. Commissioner Smith stated that he didn't know Alleghany County had that many unpaved roads. Charles Reinhardt stated that is every unpaved road in Alleghany County listed on the program.

Charles Reinhardt opened the floor for questions from the public. None were received.

County Manager Don Adams asked has the priority of funding gone away from paving the unpaved roads. Charles Reinhardt agreed and explained that it was a 35% reduction from the previous year. County Manager Don Adams asked about changes to the priority system. Charles Reinhardt explained that it will be changed some way with the new legislation, currently at the end of the 4-year cycle, and it is up in the air right now. County Manager Don Adams explained that every 4 years NCDOT would assign points to structures on unpaved roads to rank them for the next 4 years, lock in the top 10 for each year's program, and if NCDOT didn't get right of way that road would be skipped. Charles Reinhardt talked about one piece of legislation went to a statewide priority system with nothing qualified in Alleghany County, he is thinking that will be revamped again but believes we are looking at a statewide system.

Chair Cox asked the Town Manager Bryan Edwards if he had anything to add. Town Manager Bryan Edwards stated his appreciation to NCDOT for their assistance on the Halsey Road repairs.

Charles Reinhardt reviewed the three options before the Commissioners regarding this program; concur as proposed, no action or make recommendations to deviate.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to concur with the presentation. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Chair Cox clarified the motion was to concur with the recommendations as presented by the NCDOT staff.

The Board voted on the floor. Vote 4.0

Being no further business, Commissioner Leys made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Larry Cox
Chairman