

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council held a joint meeting on Monday, June 30, 2008, at 7:00pm in the Board 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 Robert Andrews, Agnes Joines, Mike Parlier, County Manager Don Adams, Town Manager Bryan Edwards and County Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. John Brady was presented but arrived late.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order for the County at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. He recognized Roy Carter, who is a 5th Congressional district candidate and welcomed him.

Mayor John Miller called the Town meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to approve the joint agenda. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Mike Parlier made a motion to approve the joint agenda. Agnes Joines seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting
June 30, 2008
Agenda

7:00pm Meeting Called to Order
 Motion on Agenda

7:05pm Bob Bamberg
 RE: 150th Anniversary Celebration

7:20pm Barbara Lucier
 RE: Community Events Update

Other Business

Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams announced that the Northwest North Carolina Cluster received a \$400,000 economic innovation grant from the Rural Center for Alleghany, Ashe and Wilkes counties.

John Brady arrived at 7:03pm.

County Manager Don Adams continued reviewing the grant that was awarded to the Cluster program and what the grant will accomplish. He talked about holding a community-wide forum as a kick off to this program in August or September. He further talked about workforce development in the county and starting in the schools.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about the program information that will be presented, working through the Blue Ridge BDC. He reiterated that this is great news for us as a region and a county.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and County Manager Don Adams talked about incorporating this into the schools as an elective in the 6th-9th grades.

Bob Bamberg talked about the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. He further talked about in 1859 Alleghany County was broke off from Ashe County. He said that they are having meetings in regards to the celebrations. He passed around some memorabilia from the 100th celebration. He talked about activities during that time. He further talked about they have discussed recreating some of those activities. He reviewed other ideas for the celebrations.

Mayor John Miller talked about plans are already underway for class reunions for Sparta School, Glade Valley and Piney Creek schools.

Bob Bamberg talked about ways to archive some the history, images and voices. He further talked about the Chamber's interest in this because they think this will bring people into the county. He said people will come from other areas to be a part of this and help the local economy. He stated his appreciation for the boards' time.

Mayor John Miller talked about having an active steering committee and are open to good ideas. He further talked about there are lots of good ideas floating around with one idea being a list of the most influential 150 people in the county listed in alphabetical order.

Barbara Lucier presented information about the upcoming events in Alleghany County.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that the wanted to publicly acknowledge Barbara's efforts in promoting Alleghany County and Sparta.

Mayor John Miller agreed.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards stated that he wanted to recognize Andrew McMillan who is going to school at Appalachian and is interning at the Town.

John Brady talked about the teapot museum's plan of selling part of the property.

Mike Parlier invited everyone to come to the park Thursday night.

Commissioner Warren Taylor stated his appreciation to the people who promote our town and county; Bob Bamberg, Barbara Lucier, DW Miles.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about DW Miles has worked very hard.

Commissioner Randy Miller offered his appreciation, too.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that they do an excellent job. She talked about having entertainment without driving far. She further talked about Boone's plans with the New River.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards stated that they were aware of this and doesn't think it will have any impact on the Water Authority's project. He said they hope to have pipe in the ground late summer or early fall to connect the two towns.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about the future of Alleghany County lies with these two governing boards. He talked about the announcement of \$400,000, and his appreciation to the Town for their work on the water project.

DW Miles stated that response has been tremendous about June Jamboree, brought a lot of people from out of town, a lot of people picked up the brochures, Barbara has worked very hard on this, money the boards invested has been well received and response well received. He talked about the JOB fund and very pleased about the quality of inquires that has been real rewarding.

Mayor John Miller stated that the Town and County are indebted to you for your services.

Bob Bamberg commended DW Miles for the JOB Fund.

DW Miles stated that the fund is going to expand and add to create more good things with it.

Robert Andrews made a motion to adjourn the Town's meeting at 7:40pm. John

Brady seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Ken Richardson declared the County meeting in recess at 7:40pm.

Chair Ken Richardson reconvened the meeting at 8:00pm.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the budget agenda. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Budget Meeting Agenda
June 30, 2008
8:00pm

- 8:00pm
- Open Budget Public Hearing
 - Reading of Proposed Budget Ordinance
 - Public Comments
 - Adjourn Public Hearing
- Open Budget Meeting
1. Discussions regarding 2008/2009 Budget
 - a. 2008/2009 Budget Ordinance/Review Changes to Date
 - b. 2008/2009 Pay Grade Plan
 - c. 2008/2009 Part-Time Pay Plan
 2. Transportation Budget Amendment for 2007/2008
- Adjourn

Chair Ken Richardson opened the public hearing at 8:00pm. He asked for public comments. None were received.

County Manager Don Adams summarized the budget ordinance for FY 2008-2009. He reviewed each fund's highlights including the monies and the tax rate, budget officer authorizations and restrictions, capital project funds and utilization of the budget and budget ordinance. He reviewed the final changes made at the last meeting.

Chair Ken Richardson asked for public comments. None were received. He closed the public hearing at 8:20pm.

County Manager Don Adams presented the pay grade plan and part-time pay grade plan. He explained the changes regarding the recreation department that were presented in his budget message about reclassifying part-time recreation positions and adding an increase for the Pool Director and Tennis Director because they haven't been getting the cost of living increases over the years.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the 2008/2009 Pay Grade Plan and 2008/2009 Part-Time Pay Plan. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented Transportation Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$1,000.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve Transportation Fund budget amendment #1 in the amount of \$1,000. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the FY 2008/2009 budget ordinance. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about the EMS needs' for updating some equipment. He further talked about pursuing grants, and he has asked the County Manager to look into how to get additional money.

County Manager Don Adams stated that when looking for additional sources, he

hadn't found anything. He talked about borrowing the money for the lifepaks would have an annual payment of \$9,800 with total interest paid of \$6,114.16 over the life of the loan.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about this issue is urgent. He asked that this be on the agenda the first meeting in July for discussion and look at all of the options available.

The Board agreed.

Commissioner Randy Miller stated that he wanted to thank Don Adams, the Board of Commissioners and Karen Evans for their hard work. He talked about this has been a tough year. He stated that he thinks the Board has done what is best for the county. He said he wanted to personally thank each one in this room.

Commissioner Warren Taylor thanked the Board for working on funding for the schools because that is a top priority for him. He thanked Don Adams and Karen Evans for their work in keeping with the no-tax increase. He stated his concern about the fund balance number being low. He further stated another concern is that it will probably limit efforts in economic development if something comes about.

Commissioner Milly Richardson stated that she agrees with what has been said, and she applauds the Board for taking a hard look at the decisions. She further stated her appreciation for the hard work.

Commissioner Doug Murphy stated that this board has worked very hard. He reminded everyone that the needs are still there. He stated that he is proud to work with each Commissioner. He thanked Don Adams and Karen Evans.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Commissioner Doug Murphy seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

ATTEST:

Ken Richardson
Chairman

**ALLEGHANY COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Alleghany County, North Carolina, me this the 30th day of June, 2008, that:

Section I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the oper the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending J 2009, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

Governing Bodies	\$ 71,425
Administration	124,817
Finance	156,513
Board of Elections	95,269
Planning	55,494
Recreation	183,841

Tax Administration	297,865
Mapping	50,980
Register of Deeds	174,910
Public Buildings	291,827
Sheriff's Department	652,932
Dispatch	219,286
Roaring Gap Deputies	74,897
Animal Control	54,656
Facility Fees	4,500
Jail	882,411
Emergency Management	73,800
Building Inspector	158,503
Health Department	12,500
EMS	681,325
Cooperative Extension	120,008
Soil & Water	106,222
Veteran's Administration	25,061
Transportation Administration	92,269
Social Services	1,169,823
Public Assistance	1,148,170
Special Adoption Assistance	20,524
In Home Aide	8,000
Child Development	602,861
Work First	14,138
County Insurance	1,070,994
Debt Service	1,521,474
School Current Expense	2,498,525
Transfer to School Capital	558,676
Special Appropriations	1,599,508
Contingency	25,000

\$ 14,899,005

Section II. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Current Year's Property Tax & Penalties	\$ 7,327,000
Prior Year's Property Tax	210,000
Local Option 1% & (3) 1/2% Sales Taxes	2,300,881
State & Federal Aid - Social Services Adm.	2,198,187
Revenues from State	398,188
Law Enforcement/Court & Jail Revenues	607,513
County Fees and Services Revenues	723,166
Rents-Interest and Miscellaneous Revenues	485,610
Transfers & Other Revenues	320,420
Fund Balance Appr.	328,040

\$ 14,899,005

Section III. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Alleghany Economic Development Fund	\$ 219,937
Vet Incentives	8,246
Joint Regional Tourism	7,500

\$ 235,683

Section IV. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 230,883
Interest	4,800

\$ 235,683

Section V. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Scattered Site Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Grant Expenses \$ 315,722

Section VI. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Site Grant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Grant Revenues \$ 315,722

Section VII. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Single Family Grant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Grant Expenses \$ 157,114

Section VIII. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Family Rehab Grant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Grant Revenues \$ 157,114

Section IX. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Transp Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Personnel Expenses	\$ 168,826
Operational Expenses	73,861
Capital Expenses	78,700
Transfers	18,229

	\$ 339,616

Section X. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany Transportation Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Grant Revenues	\$ 159,043
Service Revenues	180,573

	\$ 339,616

Section XI. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Fairgrounds Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Operating Expenses	\$ 28,810
Trail Enhancements	8,483

	\$ 37,293

Section XII. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany Fairgrounds Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Fees	\$ 3,600
Cleaning Deposit	3,000
Rental House	6,600
Fund Balance Appropriation/Transfer from General Fund	24,093

	\$ 37,293

Section XIII. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Special Revenue Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Reserve for Drug Related Expenses \$ 214,915

Section XIV. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Revenue Drug Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Reserve for Drug Related Expenses Fund Balance	\$ 214,490
Misc. Income	225
Interest	200

	\$ 214,915

Section XV. - The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Register of Deeds Enhancement Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Capital Expenses \$ 57,515

Section XVI. - It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Register of Deeds Enhancement Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 19,051
Fund Balance Appropriation	38,464

	\$ 57,515

Section XVII. - The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Soil and Water Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Eco Enhancement Expenses	\$ 23,081
Co Op Expenses	5,000
Miscellaneous	500

	\$ 28,581

Section XVIII. - It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Soil and Water Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Transfer from General Fund	\$28,081
Donations	500

	\$ 28,581

Section XIX. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Alleghany County Library Fund fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Book Expenses	\$ 7,500
Annex Expenses	1,050
Capital Building Expenses	28,155

	\$ 36,705

Section XX. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Alleghany County Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Fund Balance Appropriation	\$ 25,705
Library Building Rent	5,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,000

	\$ 36,705

Section XXI. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Reserve for Revaluation	\$ 41,000
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Section XXII. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Revaluation Fund fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Contribution from General Fund	\$ 40,000
Interest	1,000

	\$ 41,000

Section XXIII. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the School Capital Reserve Fund fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

School Capital Projects Fund	\$ 767,824
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Section XXIV. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the School Capital F Fund for the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Contribution from General Fund—Art. 40 & 42	\$ 558,676
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Fund Balance	201,148
Appropriation	
Interest	8,000

	\$ 767,824

Section XXV. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Allegheny County Transfer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Transfer Facility Functions	\$ 350,120
Disposal/Transportation Expenses	489,828

	\$ 839,948

Section XXVI. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Allegheny County Transfer Facility Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Transfer Facility Fees	\$ 403,750
Tipping Fees	353,560
White Goods/Scrap Tires Revenues	48,638
Sale of Fixed Assets	15,000
State Reimbursement	9,000
Interest	10,000

	\$ 839,948

Section XXVII. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Allegheny County E-911 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Operating Expenses	\$ 156,950
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Section XXVIII. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Allegheny County E-911 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009:

Fees-E911 Surcharge	\$ 156,950
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Section XXIX. There is hereby levied a tax rate of \$0.43 (forty-three cents) per \$100 (One hundred dollars) of valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2008, for the purpose of raising the revenues for the "Current Year's Property Tax and Penalties" in the General Fund in Section II of this Ordinance.

This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$1,761,524,844 and an estimated tax collection rate of 95.9%.

Section XXX. Special Authorization - Budget Officer

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among the objects of expenditure, as he believes necessary.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to effect interdepartmental transfers, in the same fund which do not exceed 10% of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is reduced. Notice of such transfers shall be made to the Board on the next succeeding Financial Report.
- C. May authorize interfund loans for a period of not more than 60 days.
- D. Interfund transfers established in the budget document may be accomplished without recourse to the Board.

Section XXXI. Restriction - Budget Officer

- A. The interfund transfer of monies, except as noted in Section XXVI, paragraph C and D, shall be accomplished by Board authorization only.
- B. The utilization of the General Fund contingency appropriation shall be accomplished only with Board authorization.
- C. No salary increases, beyond those set forth in the budget document, may be made without Board approval.

Section XXXII. Capital Project Funds

The following Capital Project Funds remain open:

- A. Courthouse Building Fund
- B. Sparta School Addition Building Fund

Section XXXIII. Utilization of Budget and Budget Ordinance

This Ordinance and the Budget Document shall be the basis of the financial plan for All County Government during the 2008/2009 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the budget and he shall insure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement appropriate portion of the Budget. The accounting section established records that are in consonance with the Budget and this Ordinance and the appropriate statutes of the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 30th day of June, 2008.