

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council met in joint session on Monday, August 29, 2011, at 7:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: County: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Larry Cox, John Goudreau, Steve Roten, County Manager Don Adams, Clerk to the Board Karen Evans, Town: Mayor John Miller, Robert Andrews, John Brady, Agnes Joines, Lois Sheets and Town Manager Bryan Edwards.

Chair Ken Richardson called the County meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the agenda for this August 29, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Mayor John Miller called the Town meeting to order at 7:01pm.

John Brady made a motion to approve the agenda for this August 29, 2011, meeting. Agnes Joines seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting
August 29, 2011
Agenda

7:00pm Meeting Called to Order
 Motion on Agenda

7:05pm Craig Hughes, High Country Council of Governments
 David Keilson, NC Department of Transportation
 RE: Alleghany County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update

Other Business

Town Adjourn/County Adjourn

County Manager Don Adams introduced Craig Hughes with High Country Council of Governments who will be presenting information about the Alleghany County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). He explained the planning process and this will be the first public introduction of the CTP.

Craig Hughes, Transportation Planner with High Country Council of Governments, provided information to everyone about the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) duties and purpose. He talked about the CTP process and the importance of the CTP. He explained if there is a transportation-related need it should be documented in the CTP. He said that the CTP began in July of last year. He explained the activities of the steering committee and reminded everyone who the members are on the steering committee.

David Keilson with NCDOT Transportation Planning Department presented a PowerPoint presentation that explained what a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is, the CTP's relationship between the different NCDOT plans, why a CTP is needed, what is a CTP, benefits of a CTP, CTP's final product/approval process. He presented a rough timeline for the completion of the CTP.

County Manager Don Adams and Craig Hughes talked about ways to get public comments/input.

David Keilson reviewed the Highway Map provided to both boards.

County Manager Don Adams and David Keilson talked about the possibility of getting a 4-lane road, and the usage data doesn't support it being a need.

Commissioner Cox and David Keilson talked about improvements on the proposed roads.

Mayor John Miller talked about the current work being done on Jane Taylor Mountain.

David Keilson continued reviewing the maps; Highway Map Insert A, Public Transportation and Rail Map, Bicycle Map, Pedestrian Map.

Mayor John Miller talked about everyone has done a lot of good work on this.

David Keilson provided his contact information.

John Brady, County Manager Don Adams and David Keilson talked about the alignment of Alternative #1 on the Highway Map Insert A. The County Manager showed Alternative #1 and Alternative #2 on a large aerial view of the area.

Chair Richardson and County Manager Don Adams talked about the proposed timeline and ways to proceed including beginning to advertise for the public input.

Both boards agreed to move forward to start advertising for the public input.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards invited everyone to attend the open house scheduled for Friday, September 2, at 10:00am for the new public restrooms next to the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the County meeting at 8:14pm. Commissioner Goudreau seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Mayor John Miller declared the Town meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman