



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special called Joint Town and Count meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Tom Smith, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, County Manager, Mike James, Town Manager Bryan Edwards, Mayor Wes Brinegar, Councilman Terry McGrady, Councilman Mike Parlier, Councilman John Brady, Councilman Chris Jones and Clerk to the Board Drew Temple.

Chair Mark Evans called the commissioner meeting to order.

Mayor Wes Brinegar called the council meeting to order.

Mayor Wes Brinegar led the pledge of allegiance and Chair Mark Evans gave the invocation.

Chair Mark Evans entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 4:0.

**JOINT AGENDA**  
Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00 pm

- 7:00 Meeting called to order  
Pledge of Allegiance and invocation  
Approval of agenda
- A. 7:05 **Resolution of Appreciation** – J.D. Higgins (Mayor Brinegar)
- B. 7:15 **Recognition of Youth Football Team** – Mayor Brinegar
- C. 7:25 **Presentations to the Boards**
  - a. Katee Hettleman, Chamber of Commerce update
  - b. \*Addition – Authentically Alleghany update, Sarah Dalton
  - c. Sparta Revitalization Committee report
  - d. Bryan Edwards, Virginia-Carolina intake project update
  - e. Bryan Edwards, Streetscape project update
- D. 7:40 **Public Comments:** Citizens are encouraged to comment at this time on any item(s) requiring the attention of the Commissioners. Guidelines for public comment are posted in the meeting room.
- E. 7:50 **Town Manager Comments**
- F. **County Manager Comments**
- G. **Town Council Comments**
- H. **County Commissioner Comments**
- I. **Adjourn**

### **Recognition of Youth Football Team**

Mayor Wes Brinegar recognized the 3rd & 4th grade youth football team for an undefeated season and Super Bowl win.

### **Resolution of Appreciation – J.D. Higgins**

Mayor Wes Brinegar recognized J.D. Higgins “Mr. Country Gold” for his service to our community, as a former Town Council member and as a distinguished community leader.

### **Presentations to the Board**

Chamber of Commerce update

Katee Hettleman highlighted the 2018 Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. She explained the gift certificate program and new design. Katee explained the collaboration between the current marketing campaign and the Chamber of Commerce.

Authentically Alleghany update

Sarah Dalton highlighted Blue Ridge Fiber Fest. She asked that the town and county be named the official hosts of the upcoming event 2019. Sarah asked for the respective boards to produce a proclamation in support of the event.

Sparta Revitalization Committee update

Jordon Edwards listed Trunk-N-Treat and the Sparta Christmas parade coming up.

Virginia-Carolina intake project update

Town Manager, Bryan Edwards said there is a project underway to expand the VA Carolina Water Authority intake area. The anticipated completion date is July 2019.

Streetscape project update

Town Manager, Bryan Edwards gave an update on the Streetscape project. He said the biggest hurdle is being able to bid the job and knowing exactly what funding the town will be faced with. Town Manager, Bryan Edwards said the town will be accepting bids on December 14, 2018.

### **Public Comments**

No movement

### **Town Manager Comments**

No movement

### **County Manager Comments**

County Manager Mike James said the assisted living project has been approved from Raleigh and is on track to break ground in the winter.

### **Town Council Comments**

Mike Parlier thanked Katee Hettleman, Jordon Edwards and their respective staffs for the good job they are doing.

John Brady said there are a lot of good things happening.

Chris Jones thanked Tom Smith for his years of service to our community.

Milly Richardson said the old jail cell that used to sit on the courthouse lawn is at the transfer station. She asked if anyone had a problem with the historical society buying the cell.

County Manager, Mike James said it would have to be brought before the board and declared surplus property.

**County Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner John Irwin reminded everyone early voting is still ongoing. He said General Electric is hiring 70 positions.

Commissioner Smith thanked both the town council and board of commissioners.

County Manager Mike James updated the boards about the Veterans Day dedication and the revised start time for this event (2:30).

Chair Evans encouraged anyone who works with or cares for children to participate in the “Resilience Documentary” on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wes Brinegar encouraged everyone to come out and support the lighting ceremony on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Prince motioned to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Temple  
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans  
Chairman