

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ALLEGHANY COUNTY
TOWN OF SPARTA**

**JOINT MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

THOSE PRESENT: **TOWN COUNCIL:** JOHN H. MILLER, MAYOR; AGNES JOINES, MAYOR PRO-TEM, ROBERT ANDREWS, LOIS SHEETS, JOHN BRADY AND MIKE PARLIER; BRYAN EDWARDS, TOWN MANAGER AND PEGGY CHOATE, CLERK

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: KEN RICHARDSON, CHAIRMAN; STEVE ROTEN, LARRY COX, JOHN GOUDREAU, TOM SMITH AND DON ADAMS, COUNTY MANAGER

OTHERS PRESENT: MARK SMITH, ALLEGHANY NEWS, CHARLIE SCOTT, CHANNEL 50

The Sparta Town Council and the Alleghany County Commissioners met at the Sparta Town Hall for their informal joint meeting to discuss items of interest to both Alleghany County and the Town of Sparta. Mayor John Miller presided.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller for the Town Council and Chairman, Ken Richardson for the County Commissioners and welcome the new County Commissioners. The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John Miller.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION PROGRAM Bob Bamberg, Executive Director of the Alleghany Chamber of Commerce recognized local volunteers within the County. There were a total of five groups/individuals recognized with one being submitted to the Governor's Volunteers Award Program.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT The Sparta Town Council and the Board of Commissioners was presented for consideration a resolution of support for a request to increase the occupancy tax for Alleghany County up to 6%. Robert Andrews made the motion to approve for the Town Council and John Brady seconded. The vote for: 5 and against: 0.

John Goudreau made the motion to approve for the County Commissioners and Larry Cox seconded. The vote for: 4 and against: 0.

UPDATE MILES JOB FUND D. W. Miles presented an update to both Boards on the Miles Job Fund and economic development.

UPDATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER Clark Hunter presented an update to both Boards on the Blue Ridge Business Development Center.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Chair Ken Richardson informed the boards of the five goals adopted and presented to General Assembly from a conference attended by him and the new Commissioners.

Agnes Joines, Robert Andrews and John Brady welcomed the new Commissioners.

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No Public Comments

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John H. Miller, Mayor

Peggy Choate, Clerk