

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and Sparta Town Council met in joint session on Monday, August 30, 2010, 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 Randy Miller, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Manager Don Adams, County Clerk to the Board Karen Evans, Town: Mayor John Miller, Robert Andrews, Mike Parlier, John Brady and Town Manager Bryan Edwards.

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

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

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

Robert Andrews made a motion to approve the agenda. John Brady seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Joint County/Town Meeting
August 30, 2010
Agenda

7:00pm Meeting Called to Order
Motion on Agenda

7:05pm Kenneth Richards
RE: 2010 Census Update

7:15pm David Carpenter/Larry Prince
RE: Hunger Action Month Proclamation

Blue Ridge Parkway Proclamation

Water Authority Project Update

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan—Participation Agreement

Comprehensive Transportation Plan—Steering Committee Appointments

Traffic Safety Concerns about Intersection of Highway 18/Sparta Parkway

Other Business

Town Adjourn

CDBG—Scattered Site Housing Grant Committee Appointments

County Adjourn

Kenneth Richards came before the group to present a 2010 census update. He presented a certificate to Mayor John Miller and Chairman Ken Richardson regarding their entities partnership with the Census Bureau. He explained how the partnership works and ways they collected data. He further explained how the census impacts Alleghany County. He said thank you for working with the Census Bureau on the 2010 Census.

County Manager Don Adams read the proposed proclamation regarding September is Hunger Action Month.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Robert Andrews made a motion to approve the proclamation. John Brady seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Bob Bamberg talked about the importance of the Blue Ridge Parkway. He explained activities in Alleghany County regarding the anniversary celebration. He read the proclamation for the Blue Ridge Parkway 75th anniversary.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Mike Parlier made a motion to approve the proclamation. John Brady seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards provided an update on the Virginia/Carolina Water Authority's project including how much of the construction has been completed, funding and remaining timeline for the project.

County Manager Don Adams presented the narrative for development of a regional hazard mitigation plan for Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties. He provided an update about when/how the current plans were developed which will expire soon. He talked about the purpose and need for the plan, the State isn't funding individual entities, amount for each county and he is asking for approval to participate in the regional hazard mitigation plan with Ashe County being the lead financial agent.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

John Brady made a motion to approve. Mike Parlier seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the importance of a comprehensive transportation plan with the last one being completed in 1993 plus the need to appoint a steering committee to work with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the new plan. He further talked about having an elected official from each board, Bryan Edwards, himself, maybe the planners, local DOT representative and April Hamm for community transportation. He talked about other groups that the boards may want on this committee. He said they would like to have good representation on the committee, and the plan is looking in the future.

John Brady and Commissioner Steve Roten agreed to serve on the committee.

County Manager Don Adams talked about approving the elected officials, managers, DOT member, chamber and transportation director then they can start meeting and see if others members are needed.

Mayor Miller said he would like to see Wayne Miles appointed to the committee.

County Manager Don Adams stated that each entity can place this on their individual agendas for more discussion/approval.

Mayor Miller and Commissioner Milly Richardson talked about adding the planners in addition to the other members.

Mayor Miller and the County Manager talked about the number of people to serve on the committee; 10-12 that will have multiple meetings since this is a long process.

Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about traffic concerns regarding the intersection of Highway 18 and Sparta Parkway. He talked about the Town has discussed this issue numerous times lately, and the recent accident which totaled a Town vehicle. He explained that he and the County Manager recently met with DOT, who suggested writing a joint letter and include sending it our DOT board member. He said that they are recommending support by both boards to ask for a safety study of the

intersection.

Commissioner Randy Miller made a motion to support this request. Commissioner Steve Roten seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

John Brady made a motion to approve. Robert Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Commissioner Steve Roten and Town Manager Bryan Edwards talked about one idea that was discussed was a traffic circle, which would require local-funding participation.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the County received the grant for the fields across from Advantage which has access to the greenway trail. He further talked about asking them to do a safety study on the current traffic situations and how to make the area more pedestrian friendly.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about the next joint meeting the Board of Commissioners may look different but he hopes these meetings continue. He talked about the importance of these meetings. He gave examples of the importance of NCACC and NCLM working together. He talked about the Board of Commissioners is in the process of discussing legislative goals which is the first step in getting issues addressed in Raleigh. He said that he encourages these meetings to continue and supporting the associations.

Mayor Miller stated that the Town is in support to continue, also.

John Brady stated that he thinks these meetings are important and would like to see them continue.

Mike Parlier stated that he is pleased that the County received the grant for the park, and he has been thinking of ideas for assistance including getting the National Guard for the grading.

Mayor Miller stated his appreciation for the meetings with the Commissioners. He said they are looking forward for the Commissioners to be at their place next time.

Commissioner Steve Roten said that he spoke to Sam Halsey about dedicating the Sparta Parkway and he said if we can get a date he will try to get people here from Raleigh maybe sometime late September/early October.

The boards discussed dates for the dedication.

John Brady made a motion to adjourn the Town's meeting at 7:54pm. Robert Andrews seconded the motion. Vote 3:0.

Chair Ken Richardson mentioned the list of the scattered site housing program advisory selection committee.

County Manager Don Adams updated the Board that the County is eligible for the 2010 scattered site grant.

Commissioner Steve Roten made a motion to approve the selection committee. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Milly Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 7:56pm. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman