

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation held a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 7:00pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. This meeting was held to discuss the 2006-2007 Secondary Road Construction Program.

Present - County: Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Randy Miller, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Chair Ken Richardson was absent.

Present – NC Department of Transportation: Brandon Whitaker, Scott Gallman, Roger Todd, Carolyn Hudson and Teresa Woodle.

Vice-Chair Warren Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and turned the meeting over to Brandon Whitaker.

Mr. Whitaker introduced the Department of Transportation staff. He reviewed the guidelines on how the funding could be spent on secondary road construction. He stated a priority system is a list of the priority ratings with all of the unpaved roads ranked; which went into effect in early 2005. He explained how the priority system works and is updated every four years. He reviewed how they count every structure on the road and issue points accordingly with the highest points roads being first on the priority list.

Mr. Gallman reviewed the allocation for FY 2005-2006 and the anticipated allocation for FY 2006-2007.

<u>FY 2005-2006 Allocation</u>	
Highway Fund	\$ 1,257,394
Trust Fund	<u>724,599</u>
Total Allocation	\$ 1,981,993
 <u>FY 2006-2007 Anticipated Allocation</u>	
Highway Fund	\$ 1,350,232.25
Trust Fund	<u>1,004,892.67</u>
Total Anticipated Allocation	\$ 2,355,124.92
 Two-Year Total	 \$4,337,117.92

Mr. Gallman further reviewed the program. He talked about the process if a right-of-way can't be obtained. He named the roads that would be graded, drained, based, paved and stabilized in FY 2006-2007. He further explained the re-alignment of Elk Knob Road and spot stabilizations, paved road improvements, replacement of small bridges with pipe and safety projects. He stated that the secondary road program is subject to the availability of funding, right-of-ways, and environmental review, proposed funding allocations are projections, continuing down the priority list to fund additional secondary road projects if additional funding is available and continuing down the priority list if secondary roads cannot be paved due to the inability to obtain right of way.

Mr. Gallman asked for questions from the County.

Commissioner Warren Taylor asked about repaving of paved roads.

Mr. Whitaker stated that those monies come from a different section of funding.

Commissioner Warren Taylor and Mr. Whitaker talked about the type of paving materials used in Alleghany County.

Commissioner Warren Taylor asked how roads can go forward being paved if they have been placed on the hold list because of right-of-way issues.

Mr. Whitaker explained the process of getting roads back on the paving list if they have been placed on the hold list.

Commissioner Doug Murphy and Mr. Whitaker talked about widening a road while they are in the process of paving the road.

Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Doug Murphy and Mr. Whitaker talked about the width requirements for each road and each situation is reviewed.

Mr. Gallman opened the floor for questions from the public.

Bob Richardson talked about his road has been placed on hold. He stated that he knows now that he needs to pursue this issue with his neighbors. He further stated his appreciation for the State's efforts.

Allen Kennedy stated that his road is on the current list and wants to make sure it moves along.

Mr. Gallman stated that road's construction should start by the end of this year or the spring of 2008.

Richard Andrews stated that the road is not on the list. He reviewed the number of structures on his road and asked for any help that could be provided.

Mr. Gallman stated that his road is number 22 on the priority list and it would be number 12 after this year's list is completed.

Richard Andrews asked the State to do anything that can be done.

Danny Pruitt stated that he lives on the same road and his questions were just answered.

Donald Conrad asked how many houses are on Phipps Farm Road.

Mr. Gallman stated that there are three full-time residences, one part-time residence, one school bus route and one business located on that road.

Mr. Whitaker reviewed the three actions that the Commissioners can take; make recommendations on the program, approve the program, or delay action until a later date. He thanked the Board for their time.

Vice-Chair Warren Taylor thanked the Department of Transportation for this program. He reviewed the three options before the Commissioners regarding this program.

County Manager Don Adams asked the Commissioners if they have any changes regarding this program to put the issue on the next agenda.

Commissioner Milly Richardson asked about moving Pruitt Road up.

Mr. Whitaker stated that the State cannot deviate from the priority list.

Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to postpone action on the secondary road program until the next meeting. Commissioner Milly Richardson seconded the motion.

The Board of Commissioners and County Manager Don Adams talked about delaying the vote until the first meeting in February.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 4:0.

Vice-Chair Warren Taylor thanked the State for their efforts in the county and the public for attending this meeting.

Vice-Chair Warren Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman