

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

**JOINT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2008
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; WARREN TAYLOR, MILLIE RICHARDSON, DOUG MURPHY, RANDY MILLER AND DON ADAMS, COUNTY MANAGER

OTHERS PRESENT:

LAURA THORNBURG, ALLEGHANY NEWS, CHARLIE SCOTT, CHANNEL 50, MELISSA VESTAL, ALLEGHANY HIGH SCHOOL, BRANDON EDWARDS, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AHS, SANDY CARTER-HERNDON, JEFF AND SHARON HALSEY, AND CYNTHINA GRANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SPARTA TEAPOT MUSEUM OF CRAFT AND DESIGN

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.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW
BLUE RIDGE BDC MANAGER**

County Manager, Don Adams introduced to the Town Council and the County Commissioners the new Manager of the Blue Ridge Business Development Center, Clark Hunter. Mr. Hunter updated the Boards on his ideas for developing and enhancing the existing programs in hopes of providing new opportunities at the BDC. He stated that he is looking forward to and excited about being part of the BRBDC and the Community.

The Boards had a brief discussion on how the BDC would help be the catalyst for business and economic development in the community.

**HOMECOMING PARADE AND
OTHER ACTIVITIES PRE-
SENTED TO THE BOARDS**

Brandon Edwards, Alleghany High School Student Council President, requested from both Boards their support for the Homecoming Parade and other activities that will be taking place on Friday, October 3, 2008. Both Boards pledge their support for the Homecoming activities. No action was needed.

**SESQUICENTENNIAL PLAN-
NING UPDATE**

An update was given to the Boards by Sandy Carter-Herndon a member of the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee of the activities for the 150th year celebration. Ms. Carter-Herndon requested that the Boards adopt the Proclamation presented by the Committee in support of the celebration of Alleghany County's 150th Anniversary, 1959-2009. Page_____. Councilmember John Brady; made the motion to adopt the Proclamation in Support of the 150th celebration and Lois Sheets seconded. The vote for: 5 and against: 0. Commissioner Doug Murphy made the motion for the Board of Commissioners and Millie Richardson seconded. The vote for: 5 and against: 0.

Ms. Carter Herndon also requested that the Boards consider making a financial contribution of \$1500.00 per board to be decided at their respective meetings. The Town Council and the Board of Commissioners agreed to take the request under consideration.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW
SPARTA TEAPOT MUSEUM
OF CRAFT AND DESIGN**

Councilmember John Brady introduced the New Director of the Sparta Teapot Museum of Craft and Design, Ms. Cynthia Grant. Ms. Grant gave a brief overview to the Boards on the new opportunities and programs being provided by the Museum. She also thanked the Council and the Commissioners for their support and look forward to working with them in the future.

WORK FORCE SUMMITT

Manager Adams invited both Boards to participate in an Alleghany Workforce Summit to be held Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Blue Ridge Electric Conference Room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PER
GS 106A.81.1**

Each Commissioner, Council member and others present were given an opportunity to make a public comment.

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John H. Miller, Mayor

Peggy Choate, Clerk