

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

**JOINT MEETING  
October 31, 2005  
7:00 P.M.**

**THOSE PRESENT:**           **TOWN COUNCIL:** JOHN H. MILLER, MAYOR; ROBERT ANDREWS, JOHN BRADY, AGNES JOINES, LOIS SHEETS, AND MIKE PARLIER, COUNCILMEMBERS; AND BRYAN EDWARDS, TOWN MANAGER.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** ELDON EDWARDS, CHAIRMAN; SANDY CARTER-HERNDON, WARREN TAYLOR, KEN RICHARDSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; DON ADAMS, COUNTY MANAGER, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY DONNA SHUMATE.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**       COBY LARUE, ALLEGHANY NEWS, CHARILE SCOTT FROM CHANNEL 50, RALPH CASTILLO, CEO OF ALLEGHANY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Mayor John Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Board of commissioners. Chairman Eldon Edwards declared the meeting open for the Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that he felt the quarterly meetings between the county and town were very beneficial, as we were working together on so many projects for the common good for the county and town.

At this time, Mayor Miller recognized Mr. Ralph Castillo, newly appointed CEO of Alleghany Memorial Hospital. Mr. Castillo thanked the members of the town council and board of commissioners for the opportunity to speak. He gave an update on the hospital's application and acceptance as designation of critical access. This designation should be financially beneficial to the hospital over time. Mr. Castillo expressed his appreciation for the support of the two boards.

Mayor Miller then asked for an update on the Virginia/Carolina Water Authority. Town Manager Bryan Edwards reported that the Authority members had been officially sworn-in on September 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Grayson County, Virginia Courthouse by Judge Collin Campbell. Also, the Authority has received a \$1 million dollar Congressional appropriation earmark toward the construction of the project. Edwards commented that he felt the efforts of The Ferguson Group had been very helpful in getting this project funded in this first year, even before the Authority was officially formed.

The next item of business included comments about the DOT Transportation Improvement Plan. After some discussion regarding the status of the Sparta Western Loop, Project R-4060, it was the consensus of the two boards that a letter is prepared to address the support of the Council and Board of Commissioners to keep this project on tract. County Manager Don Adams and Town Manager Bryan Edwards are to work on an appropriate letter to send to NC DOT officials.

In other business, Mayor Miller asked for comments from any member of the Council or Commission. Commissioner Warren Taylor inquired about the use of county-owned property adjacent to the Sparta Parkway for recreational use and /or the possibility of the property being incorporated into a Greenway Project.

Commissioner Ken Richardson commented about the Alleghany County Library and that fund raising was currently underway to finance the second payment on the property adjacent to the present library. The

property is being purchased for the purpose of providing an expanded site for the future construction of a new library. Commissioner Richardson also commented on the importance of the Wellness Center to the community and how important it is that the community supports the Center financially.

There being no further business, Mayor Miller asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Robert Andrews made the motion, second by Lois Sheets; motion was passed 4 - 0. For the County; Commission Richardson made the motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Taylor. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned.

At this time, County Manager Don Adams invited everyone in attendance to take a walk-thru of the new County Building.

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Peggy Choate, Town Clerk

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John H. Miller, Mayor