

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDING
CONSOLIDATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009

A meeting between the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors and the Covington City Council regarding consolidation was held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Jackson River Technical Center located at 105 E. Country Club Lane, Covington, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen A. Bennett as presiding Officer this date. Roll Call for the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors showed all members present as follows: Chairman Bennett, Vice Chairman Carolyn T. Barnette, Supervisor Bernard "Mac" Campbell, Jr., Supervisor Rickey D. May, Supervisor Cletus W. Nicely, Supervisor David P. Price and Supervisor Paige R. Morgan. Roll Call of the Covington City Council showed all members present as follows: Mayor Stephanie R. Clark, Vice Mayor Robert K. Bennett, II, Councilman Earl L. Brown, Councilman David C. Bryant, Jr. and Councilman William B. Zimmerman, Jr.

ATTORNEY/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Following discussion, the following action was taken regarding retaining the services of Carter Glass, Attorney at Law, to assist in the consolidation process:

Approved by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors - Vote 7 to 0.

Approved by the Covington City Council - Vote: 4 to 0. (Mr. Bennett delayed.)

AUTHORIZATION OF EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES


Discussion was held regarding application to the Alleghany Foundation for funding assistance for consolidation issues and proposal to be developed. A specific motion regarding this application was presented as follows: That the Board of Supervisors and City Council authorize the application to the Alleghany Foundation, pursuant to Application Guidelines of the Foundation, for a grant to pay for legal services and other services of consultants, experts, and temporary, part-time staff members of a legal, professional, technical, or clerical nature that both governing bodies have agreed are desirable and necessary to assist them in their work on consolidation; and that the County Administrator/City Manager be directed to prepare and submit said application on behalf of their respective governing bodies. Motion for submitting application approved as follows: Alleghany County Board of Supervisors 7 to 0; Covington City Council 4 to 0. (Mr. Bennett delayed)

DISCUSSION REGARDING FORMS OF CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Following discussion of the various forms of a consolidated government, the following three were considered of the most interest by the governing bodies: (1) City; (2) Traditional County; and (3) County Executive.

No further business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned. Time: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gail Wood, Clerk