

MINUTES
CONSOLIDATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2009

A meeting between the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors and the Covington City Council regarding consolidation was held on Monday, January 5, 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 Mayor Stephanie R. Clark as presiding Chairman this date. Roll Call for the City of Covington was as follows: Present: Mayor Stephanie R. Clark, Vice Mayor Robert K. Bennett, II, Councilman David C. Bryant, Jr. and Councilman William B. Zimmerman, Jr. Absent: Councilman Earl L. Brown. Roll Call for the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors was as follows: Present: Chairman Stephen A. Bennett, Vice Chairman Carolyn T. Barnette, Supervisor Bernard "Mac" Campbell, Jr., Supervisor Rickey D. May, Supervisor Cletus W. Nicely and Supervisor David P. Price. Absent: Supervisor Paige R. Morgan.

APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED CLERK FOR JOINT MEETINGS

Following explanation and discussion, the following action was taken regarding appointment of the clerk for the joint meetings: Mrs. Gail Wood was approved as clerk at a rate of \$12 per hour (portal to portal) plus reimbursement for related mileage and other expenses). Vote: Alleghany County Board of Supervisors – 6 to 0 on aye vote.
Covington City Council – 4 to 0 on aye vote.

PRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY CARTER GLASS

Attorney Carter Glass presented information regarding consolidation options, issues and procedures. Questions and discussion by both governing bodies were entertained as part of the presentation. Additional information on various concerns was requested by the governing bodies.

A proposal for services was requested from Mr. Glass for consideration at the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

Lengthy discussion was held regarding application to the Alleghany Foundation for assistance with funding for consolidation issues. A letter regarding this funding request was read by Mayor Clark.

Following discussion, the following action was taken:

Alleghany County Board of Supervisors: Upon a motion by Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Price, the following resolution was adopted: Be It Resolved that the Alleghany County

Board of Supervisors approve the submittal of the draft letter as presented to the Alleghany Foundation for funding of \$250,000 to assist and further the work on the consolidation efforts of the County and City of Covington. Vote: 6 to 0.

City of Covington: A motion was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Clark as follows: If the grant application process to the Alleghany Foundation is followed, Covington City Council agrees with the referenced letter concept, to request funding from the Alleghany Foundation. Motion failed by vote of 2 to 2. Council to revisit this matter at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors and the Covington City Council will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Jackson River Technical Center.

No further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

~~STEPHANIE R. CLARK, MAYOR
COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL~~

~~STEPHEN A. BENNETT, CHAIRMAN
ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS~~

ATTEST:


GAIL WOOD, CLERK