

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CONSOLIDATION MEETING
MARCH 2, 2009

A meeting between the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors and the Covington City Council regarding consolidation was held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Alleghany County Complex, Low Moor, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen A. Bennett. 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, Supervisor Rickey D. May, Supervisor Cletus W. Nicely, Supervisor Paige Morgan and Supervisor David P. Price. Roll Call for 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.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Chairman Bennett asked if there were any objections to the Summary of Proceedings for the meeting of February 16, 2009. No objections heard, Summary accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONSOLIDATION ISSUES

Chairman Bennett read the rules as agreed upon for public comments and opened the floor for those wishing to speak.

Eddie Clemmons spoke in favor of consolidation and emphasized the need for unity and a common goal for the area, beginning with a positive attitude.

Roger Timbrooke expressed concerns regarding the issues of forestry, livestock and land use.

Humphrey Moynihan presented information and data regarding the 2000 census and population density.

Robert Floyd IV spoke regarding options available concerning the schools and the need for a positive attitude.

Harrison Scott spoke regarding the difficulties that would arise if the county were to become a city and issues such as water meters, taxes and level of services.

Bob Bennett spoke regarding the need to make a decision of "city" or "county" status and resolving biggest issues first such as those concerning schools.