

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 7, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A brief moment of silence precluded by comments by each commissioner was observed for David Turney, an employee with the Department of Emergency Management who passed away on May 6, 2002 while on duty as a dispatcher.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there was one (1) addition and no deletions to the agenda for May 7, 2002. John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning and Mr. Pagenhardt will request that the Board of County Commissioners review and approve a response to a individual who had a number of questions related to a decision by the Deep Creek Watershed Board of Zoning Appeals.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 30, 2002, were read, amended, and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Chairman Gregg introduced Thomas Crozier from Southern Garrett High School and Tonya Chase from Northern Garrett High School who are participating in the "Eye to the Future" program that will authorize students to visit a local business or organization.
4. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on a number of issues to include:
 - ∇ Animal Control
 - ∇ Renovation and construction plans for the Court House and Grantsville Roads Department Garage
 - ∇ A proposal to approve a "Adopt-a-Lot" Program that will define usage of floodplain properties. The terms and responsibilities in this program agreement were reviewed with the Board taking any approval under advisement pending a review of a listing and map showing the properties in question and adjacent properties.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Pagenhardt, and Department of Financial Services staff met in administrative session to preview the required process on officially adopting Fiscal Year 2003 Operating and Capital Budget and a number of applicable tax rates.

6. The Board of County Commissioners took official action to approve and adopt the following executive action pertaining to Fiscal Year 2003 Operating and Capital Budget:
 - ∇ Adoption of supplemental levy ad valorem tax for the Garrett County Landfill Bond. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Adoption of supplemental levy ad valorem taxes for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Adoption of real property tax rate for the tax year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 as part of the Fiscal Year 2003 Operating and Capital Budget. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Adoption of personal property tax rate for the tax year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 as part of the Fiscal Year 2003 Operating and Capital Budget. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Adoption of Approved Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2003. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.

Each commissioner commented on the details of the budget and where specific appropriations of funds would be directed. A number of department heads were in attendance for this session.

7. The Board of County Commissioners recognized the Northern Garrett High School cheerleaders for the designation as "East Coast National Champions". The squad and advisors were in attendance.
8. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for the following:
 - ∇ Culvert pipe (bid #02-0507C)
 - ∇ Crushed stone aggregates (bid #02507S)

All bids received were referred to the Procurement Office for a review and recommendation as soon as feasible.

9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, Chairman Gregg, rejected all bids received for the excavation and site work at the Lions Club Park (bid #02-0430E). The project will be rebid on a reduced scope. The Procurement Office will direct a letter to all original bidders and administer the process of rebid.
10. Commissioner Holliday entered a motion to accept the bid from Don Nine to purchase the property formerly known as the Board of Education Building. This motion did not receive a second. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, awarded the bid received from Potomac Enterprises for demolition of the former Board of Education Building. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to this action based on his prior motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

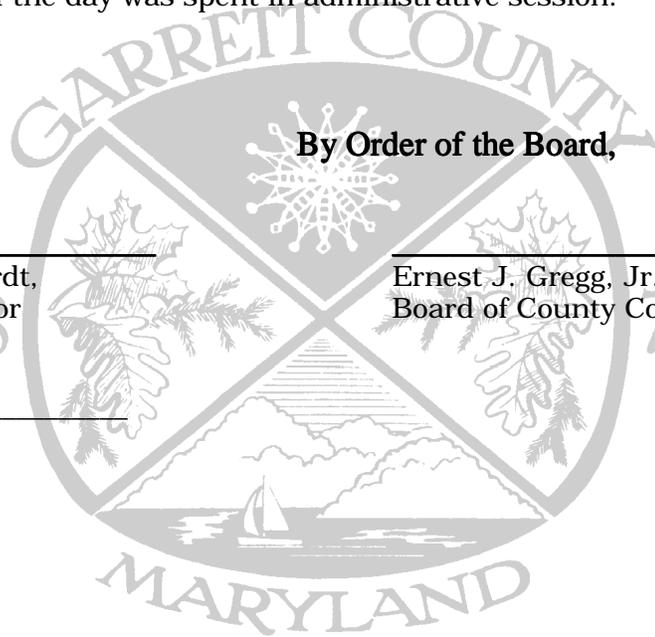
1. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to the letter of response to Piero Van Mellits as explained in #1 of this Public Meeting Session. A letter from Mr. Pagenhardt

and Mr. Nelson will be directed to Mr. Van Mellits that will explain the position taken by the County on all issues.

2. The Board of County Commissioners read a petition from Tanglewood Property Association requesting that roads within their development be incorporated into the County Roads Inventory. A letter from the Association indicated that upon conditional approval from the Board of County Commissioners, all roads would be constructed to County standards. The Board traveled to this development to firsthand witness the roads in reference. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the Association that the process of final incorporation of a private road into the County system will require public notice, a public hearing, and an inspection by the County Roads engineering staff.
3. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:



By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date