

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 14, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda for May 14, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 7, 2002 and Administrative Session of May 9, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg.
3. Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of issues to include a schedule for bituminous paving, Countywide line-stripping, mowing, bridge construction, and other road maintenance and road upgrade planning.
4. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development and Frank Shap, Information Technology Coordinator requested approval from the Board of County Commissioners to submit an application to the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development Administration for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant. These grant funds, if approved, will be used for the Garrett Computer Adoption Project (GCAP) with funds directed to Garrett County Community Action Committee which will be used in conjunction with local and other funding to support the distribution of computer systems and internet access throughout the County, specifically to benefit households with school age children who currently have no access to technology. The program will also allow for a provision to purchase and refurbishment of personal computers. A motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, allowed Chairman Gregg to execute all grant documentation for consideration and submittal to Rural Development Administration.
5. In furtherance of prior discussion on the Adopt-A-Lot policy addressed during the Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting on May 7, 2002, Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services was in attendance to answer specific questions and to present a map and list of all adjacent property owners. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to defer this issue until Commissioner Beitzel was in attendance. Mr. Mullich was also directed to compile a list of community-based organizations that may be interested in participating and utilizing these properties for public recreation use.

6. Henry Brown, Director of the Garrett County Department of Social Services met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the Family Preservation Program grant that is currently administered by this department and also under a request for proposal status for future funding. Mr. Brown indicated that the grant is subject to mandatory State of Maryland compensation increments which, if the Department is successful in being awarded the grant, would require a local match from the County in Fiscal Year 2005. The Board of County Commissioners informed Mr. Brown that he could include in the grant proposal that the County would consider this request for funding but that there would be no guarantee of approval .

7. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for the following:

- ∇ Chain and auger (bid 302-0514CA)
- ∇ Filters (bid #02-0514F)

All bids received will be reviewed by the Procurement Office prior to a recommendation of award by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from Rebecca DeWitt requesting the County withhold Fire Department, Rescue, and Ambulance funds from the Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department based on the fact that her application for membership was denied. The Board and Mr. Pagenhardt agreed to respond to Ms. DeWitt and state that County Government will not become involved with the membership process of any fire and rescue company. A letter under the signature of Mr. Pagenhardt will be sent to Ms. DeWitt outlining this position.
2. 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