

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 25, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner David C. Beard
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there was one addition and no deletions to the agenda for March 25, 2003. Dwight Snyder requested to meet with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the spreading of sludge near his property on Mellot Road.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 18, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for March. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Garrett County Health Department
Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
Department of Economic Development
Department of Planning and Zoning
Garrett County Extension Service
Department of General Services
Department of Social Services
Department of Emergency Management
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
Department of Financial Services
The Dove Center
Garrett County Board of Education
Western Maryland Consortium
Chamber of Commerce

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed the Memorandum of Understanding for Hazardous Material Response between Garrett and Allegany Counties. Brad Frantz, Director of the Department of Emergency management will continue to be the liaison on behalf of the Board and Garrett County Government.
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Mr. Snyder who voiced his displeasure with the Garrett County Sanitary District as it relates to the spreading of sludge near his property. The Board, who had requested Health Officer Rodney Glotfelty to be in attendance for this session, suggested the Mr. Snyder contact the Maryland Department of the Environment on his concerns with not only the District but also permit, inspection and compliance. A hearing between the Mr. Snyder and the District is scheduled for March 31, 2003 in the Circuit Court of Garrett County.
6. Amy Short, Western Maryland Staff Representative for United States Senator Barbara Mikulski was in attendance to offer the assistance of that office on any issues related to the federal government. Issues discussed were pending funding from the Federal Aviation Authority for the Garrett County Airport and the home health component of the Health Department.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to draft a letter of intent for the purpose of conveying the former Board of Education administrative building site to the Dove Center. The property, if permitted to be transferred, will be conditional on acceptance by the Town of Oakland Zoning Board and would be used to locate the domestic violence shelter and administrative office of the Dove Center. Dove Center staff is in the process of applying for grant revenue that would fund this facility. The letter of intent that the Board will execute will be included in the grant application.
8. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed requests for project work in lieu of a tax differential from municipal jurisdictions. Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department was in attendance and offered a recommendation on each request. A letter, under the signature of Mr. Pagenhardt, will be sent to each municipality addressing all requests for either the assistance of the County Roads Department on any project cost share.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. James Waters from the Rural Development Administration met with the Board of County Commissioners to briefly review the funding and project status of a number of projects under the management of the Garrett County Sanitary District. Mr. Waters expressed his concern the timeliness and cost overrun of a number of projects, especially with the Deer Park Water Project. The Department of Economic Development and Mr. Pagenhardt will continue to work very closely with Mr. Waters to assure that all project requirements are met and in compliance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.
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, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

