

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 were no additions or deletions to the public agenda for August 19, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 12, 2003 and Executive Minutes of August 12, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Sheriff Richard Sanders briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following topics:
 - Status of law enforcement at the Garrett County Fair.
 - New employees with the patrol division are at the Police Training Academy and two (2) new deputies are completing training with an experienced deputy.
 - State Police Sergeant Mark Rodeheaver, Supervisor, Garrett County Narcotics Task Force, briefed the Board on illegal drug activity and trends in the County.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, adopted a revised Substance Abuse Policy as recommended by the Department of General Services Risk Management Division and reviewed by the County Attorney and Mr. Pagenhardt.
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Deep Creek Sanitary District for the purpose of providing sewer service. Based on the attendance at the Hearing and public commentary, the Board initially decided to keep the record open for a two (2) week period, action that was then amended to a decision to conduct a second public hearing on this proposal.

6. Garrett County Community Action Committee – Area on Aging presented a plan summary showing programs and funding to the Board of County Commissioners. The review of this plan is scheduled annually.
7. The Board of County Commissioners and members of the Garrett County Animal Advisory Committee reviewed recommended changes to the Garrett County Animal Control Ordinance. The Board requested that all additions, deletions, and other changes be incorporated into the Ordinance at which time a public hearing will be scheduled to officially amend the Ordinance.
8. The Board of County Commissioners honored Richard Stevens, Jr. for being named as “Garrett County Teacher of the Year” and Jodie L. Nichols as “The State of Maryland’s My Favorite Teacher”. Both teachers, along with Wendell Teets, Superintendent of Schools, were in attendance for this recognition.
9. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for August 12, 2003 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners met with staff persons from the Department of Economic Development to discuss potential business prospects.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners authorized the execution of a contract of sale between GEE Enterprises, Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of real property. The contract includes a contingent provision that a zoning waiver be allowed by the Town of Oakland to permit the construction of a detention center on this parcel.
3. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of matters related to the capital expansion project at the Garrett County Airport.
4. Mr. Mullich addressed to feasibility of making available public water at the Garrett County Public Service Center. The Board of County Commissioners directed Mr. Mullich to look at the associated costs of this to include rates and hookup expenses. Also, adjoining property owners will be contacted to evaluate possible ways to reduce the cost by adding additional users to the system.

5. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a Partial Payment Request to Robert D. Beitzel Excavating, Inc. for the Keyser's Ridge Water Project.
6. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a Modification of Easement Agreement between Arthur Glen Green and Elsie I. Green, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners, and Randy and Karen Green.
7. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County in which a request was made for up to \$108,000 for the reason on totally paying of subsidizing the cost of health care benefits for dependents of employees with the Library. After a lengthy deliberation, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, did not approve this request for funding due to the fact that the appropriation of funding for Fiscal Year 2004 had been set. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the Library of this action by the Board.
8. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date