

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**AUGUST 26, 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 agenda for August 26, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 19, 2003 and Administrative Session of August 21, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for August. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Department of Economic Development  
Department of General Services  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Planning and Zoning  
Garrett County Extension Service  
Ruth Enlow Library  
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce  
Garrett College  
Western Maryland Consortium  
Mountain Top Mental Health Associates  
The Dove Center  
Department of Emergency Management  
Department of Public Utilities  
Department of Financial Services  
Garrett County Health Department  
Garrett County Board of Education

- 4 The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt met with County department heads who serve as the Commissioners Advisory Board to briefly discuss a number of County issues.
- 5 The Board of County Commissioners met with the Grand Jury.
- 6 Jonathan and Jamie Hamilton presented the Board of County Commissioners with a proposal to establish a non-profit ambulance service in the McHenry service area. In attendance for this session were a number of members of the Southern Garrett Rescue Association and the Northern Garrett Rescue Association. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton requested that the Board support their effort to proceed with the proposal to include sharing of the special revenue allocation for volunteer rescue squads in the County Operating Budget. The Board of County Commissioners, prior to an official endorsement or support requested that a business plan be prepared, an official charter be approved, and a designation from the Garrett County Fire and Rescue Association be secured.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, terminated the current appointment of members on the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board. Official letters were sent to each individual stating that their appointment had ended based on misinformation provided to prior board members on the terms of their appointment.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a budget amendment from the Board of Election Supervisors to carryover funds from Fiscal Year 2003 to purchase fireproof file storage cabinets required for their relocation office at the Garrett County Public Service Center.
4. Mr. Pagenhardt, in furtherance of a prior request from Garrett County Lighthouse, reviewed a list of options prepared by Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer, on the issue of donating surplus County vehicles to this non-profit agency. Based on the information prepared by Mr. Bowers and the potential for a continued liability, the Board decided to inform Lighthouse that a direct donation or loan was not an

option. Lighthouse will have the opportunity to bid on surplus County property at the time of the property auction. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify Lighthouse of this action by the Board.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed William Kimble to the position of utility maintenance worker with the Department of Public Utilities. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment to Mr. Kimble outlining all terms and conditions of employment.
6. The Board of County Commissioners met with Judge James Sherbin on a number of issues to include parking, court security, the location of the proposed detention center, and office space. Mr. Pagenhardt will respond to Judge Sherbin on each issue.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg approved Chairman Gregg to execute a loan resolution and other supporting documents between the Board of County Commissioners and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Administration. These loan documents are to fund the expansion/renovation project for Garrett County Memorial Hospital.
8. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date