

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 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 October 28, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 21, 2003 and Executive Session for October 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, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a proclamation designating October 30 as "Weatherization Day".
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for October. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Department of Social Services
Department of Planning and Zoning
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Mountain Top Mental Health Associates
Department of Financial Services
Garrett County Roads Department
Garrett County Health Department
Garrett County Community Action Committee
Department of General Services
Department of Economic Development
Board of Election Supervisors
Tri-County Council
Partnership for Children and Families

Extension Service
Ruth Enlow Library

4. The Board of County Commissioners attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Mayor and Town Council of Loch Lynn Heights Soccer and Softball Fields Concession Stand. A number of persons and offices, including the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space, were in attendance for this event.

5. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for July 31, 2003 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal and real estate issues pertaining to the property buy down process at Deep Creek Lake. The same motion moved back into Public Session. In attendance for this session were Nelson Reichart, Deputy Secretary for Real Estate, State of Maryland Department of General Services, Kathy Mateer, State of Maryland Department of General Services Program Manager for the Deep Creek Buy Down Project, Gorman Getty, Garrett County Attorney, John Nelson, Director, Garrett County Department of Planning and Zoning, and Gary Mullich, Director, Garrett County Department of General Services. The purpose of this session was to allow Mr. Reichart the opportunity to update the Board and County staff on the status of the Deep Creek Lake buy down process and to specifically identify certain parcels that may be considered for non-inclusion in the process of sale. Mr. Reichart will draft a letter to the Board of County Commissioners on each parcel and request an opinion on how to proceed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences with the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed a grant agreement between the County and the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development in the amount of \$300,000 for the Garrett County Trade and Exhibit Hall.

3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, authorized and executed a Resolution that grants the authority to the President/Chief Executive Officer and/or the Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer of Garrett County Memorial Hospital to execute and all documents required by the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural

Development, relative to the Community Facility Direct Loan and Community Facility Guaranteed Loan.

4. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park requesting that a waiver be approved by the County for change in the zoning classification for a designated area proposed for annexation. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning was in attendance for this session. The Board determined to schedule a session during the November 4, 2003 Public Meeting to allow for commentary from residents of the proposed area to be annexed. A press release will be issued on this issue and Mr. Pagenhardt will correspond this decision/action to the Mayor and Town Council.
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 Robert Stephens to the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board of Directors. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. Stephens under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
6. 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