

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2004

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 Public Meeting of January 13, 2004. Asa McCain, Mayor of the Town of Oakland, had requested time with the Board of County Commissioners to present a brief overview of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 6, 2004 and Administrative Session of January 8, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ⇒ A review of snow removal days year to date.
 - ⇒ Update on the waterline project on the Savage River to the Town of Westernport. Certain contractors had requested an increase in the weight limit of several County bridges to allow for larger trucks to pass over. The Board decided to not alter or increase the posted weight limitation.
 - ⇒ Other bridge updates by County Engineer Dwight Emory to include Bayard Corona Bridge, Third Street Bridge, and Oakland Rosedale Bridge. Mr. Emory will schedule an Administrative Session with the Board to get guidance on prioritizing bridge project work.
 - ⇒ Dave Ritchie, Stormwater Management Engineer requested that the Board consider legislative authority to amend existing County Code sections on entrance permits, culvert installation, and drainage requirements. Mr. Pagenhardt recommended that legislation be drafted and introduced that would repeal and delete all appropriate sections of the Code to allow the Board to establish policy for this requirement. The Board agreed to this recommendation

and Mr. Pagenhardt will forward the specific sections of reference in the Code to the County Attorney.

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 Resolution #RN04-1 adopting a number of road names within the Garrett County Road Name Index.
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc., which would meet the eligibility requirements of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for a housing study for Garrett County. Having been presented with no public comment, the Board closed the public hearing and executed a Resolution allowing Community Action to apply for CDBG grant funds in an amount up to \$60,000 on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
6. Mark Tonkovich, Director, Department of Public Utilities briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental issues:
 - ⇒ Hunting permit package
 - ⇒ Capital project status summary for all Sanitary Districts
 - ⇒ Revenue and expenditure report year to date December 31, 2003
 - ⇒ Department overtime report
 - ⇒ Narrative of proposed amendments to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan
 - ⇒ Capital project funding overview for PACE Reception session

Several residents from the Town of Deer Park were in attendance to question the status of the Deer Park Water Project, specifically the date of completion and potential additional cost of service for users of the system. Mr. Tonkovich answered each question as presented.

7. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
8. Mayor McCain reviewed the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area Plan and requested that the Board of County Commissioners provide a letter of support for this effort to integrate forest history, culture, natural history, products, and forestry management into heritage tourism initiative to promote rural community development in the Town of Oakland area. The Board agreed to send a letter of support for the program.

Mayor McCain also reviewed the intent of the Mayor and Town Council to seek annexation of Southern Garrett High School and Dennett Road Elementary School. The

Board of County Commissioners was requested to support this proposal and to approve a waiver on the existing zoning classification to reflect residential, institutional, and professional. The Board will defer any final decision pending action taken by the Garrett County Board of Education on this matter.

9. 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 issues with County Attorney Gorman Getty. The same motion moved back into Public Session.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to terminate the current lease with Karen Myers for office space currently occupied by the Department of Public Utilities. This lease will be discontinued on February 29, 2004 with the Department relocating to the Garrett County Public Service Center on March 1, 2004.
3. Chairman Gregg executed Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program Quarterly Progress Reports (Project MD-02-CD-41) on behalf of the Department of Economic Development.
4. Chairman Gregg, Mr. Pagenhardt and Gorman Getty, County Attorney, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an amendment to the Rental Allowance Program to Work Grant for Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date