

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 6, 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 were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting of July 6, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of June 29, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Chairman Gregg introduced Stephen Eiswert who will work with the County again this summer as an intern. Mr. Eiswert will work with the Department of Economic Development, Tri-County Council Municipal Assistance Program, and the County Administrator.
4. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Request from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Groundwater Monitoring Program for funding. The Maryland Geological Service would be the office responsible for this program. Reductions in State revenue have prompted this request to local governments. The Board requested more information on this issue prior to making any decision.
 - b) The Board executed a local match/commitment letter to the AgLand Preservation Foundation for specific agricultural land easements for Fiscal Year 2005 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.

- c) Update on analysis study for Deep Creek Watershed. A draft report will be available for review at a public meeting to be held on August 7, 2004. This report will also be placed on-line for public review and commentary.
 - d) Rural Legacy Program update to include possible change in the administrative employment agreement of the Program.
 - e) Program Open Space and Recreation Plan updates.
 - f) Year to Date Building Permit Report.
5. The Board of County Commissioners approved a recommendation of bid award for tri-axle dump truck (bid #04-0622) to Fyda Freightliner in the amount \$117,190 on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
6. Carl Rebele, informed the Board of County Commissioners and the media of a bicycle safety day on July 17 sponsored by Wal-Mart. This event will include safety checks for bicycles and all bicycle equipment to include the replacement of damaged helmets.
7. Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. requested action by the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
- a) Request for real property tax abatement for Jennings Community Center, Overlook early Child Education Center, Grantsville Senior Center, Pritts Building, and Liberty Street Center. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an abatement of tax for all properties.
 - b) Request for execution of a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the Board and Community Action. This was a continuation of prior year agreements for programs under the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant Programs administered by Community Action. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the execution of this Agreement.
8. Dwight Emory, County Engineer, County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Oakland Third Street Bridge replacement project. Town of Oakland Mayor Asa McCain was in attendance for this session. Procurement of properties for acquisition, funding for the project to include local, state, and CSX Corporation, and schedule for completion of installation were points of discussion. Mayor McCain noted that CSX has now committed to \$250,000 towards the project and the procedure for review and responsibility of engineering plans. It was noted that the project would go to bid no later than March of 2005 with construction to begin as soon as possible after the date of bid award.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Town of Grantsville that would transfer the final phases of the Northern Garrett Industrial Park Water Project to the Town for all operation and maintenance.
3. The Board of County Commissioners met in Administrative Session with staff from the Department of General Services, Department of Economic Development, Department of Planning and Zoning, County Roads Department, County Health Department to discuss the issue of consolidating County building and construction permit offices. It was the consensus of the Board to move functions of stormwater management and grading/entrance permits, currently under the jurisdiction of the Roads Department, under the Soil Conservation District as soon as feasible. The consolidation of other permitting functions will not change at this time.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an appropriation of \$500 to the Town of Kitzmiller for the Sixteenth Annual Homecoming.
5. Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development reviewed a potential business opportunity with the Board of County Commissioners. Specifics are confidential at this time and Mr. Hinebaugh will update the Board and Mr. Pagenhardt at the appropriate time.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date