

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 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

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners met in administrative session to discuss issues related to the Executive Session December 14, 2004 as it related to a final determination of agreement between County Government, Department of Public Utilities, and Deep Creek Development. In attendance for this session were staff from the Department of Public Utilities; Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; and Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services. Financial and operational issues related to providing public water and wastewater service to this area were presented. It was determined by the Board that an agreement as follows will be presented by the Board to Deep Creek Development outlining the terms and provisions of providing service to the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the public session agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that the 2005 Legislative Session scheduled for the Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting on December 28, 2004 conducted with local delegation members may be postponed due to the special session of the State of Maryland General Assembly to address the medical malpractice state of affairs.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 14, 2004 and Executive Session of December 14, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.

3. Brad Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental issues:
 - a) Regional Homeland Security Fund status and project summary. \$133,000 is available at this time and Garrett County Government, through Mr. Frantz, will request funding for a mobile communications unit (trailer). This unit will have capabilities to perform all functions of the 911 Center. Other County and State agencies will participate in usage of this unit. The Board agreed with this recommendation and directed Mr. Frantz to proceed in this direction.
 - b) 911 telephone system training was recently conducted for Garrett County staff in Carroll County. New (state of the art) equipment will be funded through the State 911 Numbers Board.
 - c) Hazard Mitigation Plan is in the process of being updated to include memoranda of understanding with all municipalities. The Plan requires final approval and executive adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.
 - d) Total emergency calls for 2004 are projected to be over 24,000. This total is greater than that on previous years.

4. Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer, presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following issues for review and formal action:
 - a) Recommendation of bid award for Metal Detection and X-Ray Security Screening System (bid #04-1209S) to L-3 Communications for \$29,700. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this recommendation as presented.
 - b) Recommendation of bid rejection for Demolition and Disposal – Jennings Road Building and Barn (bid #04-1209D). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this recommendation as presented.
 - c) Discussion on implementing the two percent (2%) local preference for the Garrett County Airport Runway Extension and Associated Improvement Project. County procurement policy allows for the deletion of this provision if it is in conflict with federal or state project guidelines. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, agreed to not apply the local preference for this project. Commissioner Holliday opposed this decision.

5. Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. requested that the Board of County Commissioners endorse an application by Community Action

and Pysell Ridge Limited Partnership that would provide rental production funding and low income tax credits from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of developing a thirty (30) unit affordable rental housing project in McHenry. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved their support for this project. A letter of endorsement and official Resolution was executed by Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an abatement of real property tax for the Pysell Ridge Project.

6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant, reviewed the Board of County Commissioners Appointment and Meeting Schedule for the upcoming week.
7. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on behalf of the Department of Public Utilities and the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. to consider three (3) amendments to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan. Amendments to consider are as follows:
 - a) Garrett County Water and Sewer Financial Policy Change, Chapter 4, pages 20, 24, and 25. Adoption of policy change that will provide the financing mechanism (to include approved fee structure) necessary to complete the capital sewer and water projects necessary for all Garrett County public water and sewer systems.
 - b) Sweet Rewards Development inclusion in the Water and Sewer Sanitary District, map 42, parcel 65, Chapter 3, page 25, Chapter 4, page 15. Adoption of this service area will provide public water and sewer service to a new residential development consisting of 50 to 52 new home construction projects.
 - c) Garrett County Airport Expansion, map 42, parcel 7, Chapter 3, page 25, Chapter 4, page 15. Adoption of this amendment will allow for the expansion area to be served by public sewer and water service for fire protection and potable use and to obtain a right-of-way for a possible storage tank site.

The Board of County Commissioners approved each of the three (3) amendments as presented on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday.

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1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an application to the State of Maryland Department of Planning and the Appalachian Regional Commissioner for funding to be directed to the Keyser's Ridge Business Park access road.
3. John Nelson Director, Department of Planning and Land Development reviewed a request for a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners from Meadow Rentals as it pertains to a Livability Code violation. The Board will schedule this hearing as requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date