

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 5, 2005

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 Agenda for May 5, 2005.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 26, 2005 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 Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved and executed a Proclamation designating the week of May 1 through 8 as "*Cover the Uninsured Week*".
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 and executed a Proclamation designating the week of May 8 through 15 as "*National Tourism Week in Garrett County*".
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. to obtain the views of citizens on Community Development Block Grant Applications for proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2006 and a review of current projects for Fiscal Year 2005.

Proposed Projects – Funding Applied For Fiscal Year 2006

- a) Pysell Ridge Townhouse Project
- b) Acquisition – Giessman Hotel Apartments
- c) Countywide Home Repair Loan Program

Review of Current Projects – Fiscal Year 2005

- a) Micro Business) MD-003-ED-70
- b) Mountain Village West Project (MD-002-CD-45)
- c) Home Repair Program (MD-05-CD-30)
- d) Child Care Program (MD-04-CD-35)
- e) Housing Study Project (MD-04-CD-9 Countywide)

There was no public commentary on any of the projects and therefore the Board of County Commissioners executed a Resolution approving each application for funding.

6. Resident Jean Frantz met with the Board of County Commissioners who presented her opinion on the disposal of trash on private property near the Accident-Friendsville Road. In the past signage that read “No Dumping Allowed” was in place on this private road that prohibited this dumping. Ms. Frantz requested that such signage be again posted in this area. Sheriff Richard Sanders was in attendance for this session and recommended setting up motion sensitive surveillance cameras. The Board will evaluate a number of alternatives to prohibit this illegal activity.
7. Sue Wolf, representing the County Procurement Office, recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject all bids received for the sale of surplus County property – Terex Off-Road Dump Truck (bid #05-0421T). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, accepted this recommendation to reject all bids based on the fact that the sole bid received was too low.
8. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners discussed the issue of assigning the County Roads Department to construct the Route 219 entrance and road into the County Exhibit/Trade Center. In attendance for this session were Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; and Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department. The bridge and road design are part of the engineering process for the comprehensive project. The point of discussion was how to prioritize all other County Roads planned maintenance projects and to evaluate whether to assign to County workforce or to contract out. Mr. Polce indicated that the Roads Department would be able to reschedule/defer previously approved projects to permit the Department to complete this work.

3. Mr. Hinebaugh reviewed the Performing Arts Center engineering and design consultant process, which will be funded by the County in the amount of \$42,000. The firm selected by the Performing Arts Center Committee; however, will require additional funding of \$3,000. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Beard, agreed to fund these additional funds. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to this motion. An official recommendation of bid award will be presented to the Board at a later date.
4. In furtherance of discussion on the Performing Arts Center, the Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Beard, will evaluate an appropriation of funding for architectural services not to exceed ten percent (10%) with the condition that this financial issue be included in final Fiscal Year 2006 Budget and Five-Year Capital project planning and that the Performing Arts Center Committee secures all construction funding. Commissioner Holliday abstained from voting on this motion of approval but stated that he would support the appropriation of funding under the conditions of approval if total funding is identified. Mr. Pagenhardt expressed his viewpoint and opinion that the Board has committed to a number of significant capital projects and that preliminary Fiscal Year 2006 Budget includes a transfer of undesignated/unreserved fund balance funds that will place the percentage of this undesignated/unreserved fund at the minimum level of five percent (5%). The Board agreed with this commentary.
5. Mr. Hinebaugh reviewed the dissatisfaction that a number of Allegany County and Garrett County organizations were experiencing with the Regional Small Business Development Center and recommended that the Department of Economic Development contract with Paige Quigley to provide these services to Garrett County. The total cost of this proposal would be not more than \$4,500 per year and could be funded through approved operating budget funds. The Board of County Commissioners agreed with this recommendation.
6. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Deep Creek Lions Club stating that their intent to not renew the agreement to supplement costs of development, maintenance, and operation of the Bubble Bee Road Community Park. This agreement, by and between the County and the Lions Club, which was executed in 1980, will expire on July 15, 2005. The Board agreed to maintain this property and explore alternate organizations to enter into an agreement of operation.
7. A follow-up session was scheduled on this date in furtherance of an opinion provided by County Attorney Gorman Getty as it pertained to the April 26, 2005 meeting that was conducted with representatives from Garrett County Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Getty provided his opinion that Robert Huebner, on behalf of Garrett County Habitat for Humanity, will execute a letter of irrevocable letter of credit necessary to assure the completion of the infrastructure for Hopeland Village that will meet all County subdivision ordinance provisions. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman

Gregg, agreed to a waiver of all connection fees to parcels in this development with the condition that Hopeland Village installs all main water lines.

8. Chairman Gregg executed an agreement with Envirocycle, Inc. for computer and electronic material collection, recycling and disposal services contract.
9. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a grant application between the Board of County Commissioners and the Federal Aviation Administration for funding for the Garrett County Airport Expansion Project.
10. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a contract between the Board of County Commissioners and New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for Phase 1 Construction Airport Runway Extension Project.
11. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to a recommendation by Mr. Pagenhardt and Department of Financial Services staff that the policy on retiree dependent health care be amended to read that effective June 1, 2005, retiree health care benefits will only be provided for the retired County employee and will not cover dependent coverage. The current policy on County retiree health care benefit coverage will not change for all personnel appointed prior to June 1, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date