

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 12, 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

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners met with board representatives from the Western Maryland Health Care Corporation on the issue of a local federally funded health center. The point of discussion was the proposal for locating this facility on the campus of the Garrett County Health Center.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of June 28, 2005, Executive Session Minutes of June 28, 2005, and Administrative Minutes of June 30, 2005 were read, amended (Executive Session), 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, that was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, proclaimed the week of July 10 through 16, 2005 as "Group Workcamp Week".
4. Fred Polce, General Superintendent with the Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following subjects:
 - a) Update on bituminous paving
 - b) Bridge maintenance and construction
 - c) Other project work ongoing and planned

5. Lyndon Yoder, representing Mountain Maryland Aviation, LLC, who is planning to open flight instruction and scenic rides at the Garrett County Airport, met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that the Board waive the five percent (5%) fee previously agreed to for the first year of business and to allow his entity to use the County credit card and reconciliation system. In attendance for this session was Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services and William Rozell, who was representing the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission. In April of 2005 the Board had agreed to this arrangement. Commissioner Beard made a motion to waive the fee for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday. The use of the County credit card system was a request for service that Mr. Yoder will not continue to pursue.
6. Mr. Mullich presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following departmental updates:
 - a) Introduced Edward Kelley, County Aviation Supervisor to the Board, who presented a brief overview of operations at the County Airport.
 - b) Jerry Bell, Department of General Services Capital Project Manager presented the Board with a capital project/facility status report to include the Exhibit/Trade Center, Performing Arts Center, Detention Center, Public Works Center Complex, County Airport, County Landfill, and the former Phenix Technology building located in the Central Garrett Industrial Park.
 - c) Other departmental matters underway, ongoing, or planned
7. The Board of County Commissioners was presented with a recommendation of bid award for Custodial Cleaning and Paper Products (bid #05-0609C) by the Procurement Office. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded this bid to a number of vendors each of which were reviewed and are on file with the Procurement Office.
8. Town of Oakland Mayor Asa McCain and Councilperson Jerome Moyer met with the Board of County Commissioners to enter into a general discussion of the planned Oakland/Route 219 Bypass. The most significant issue of intention was the directing traffic on the bypass, which would divert traffic from the heritage, commercial services, and other destinations in the downtown section. Also, the Memorial Drive, High Street, and Dennett Road interchanges were discussed. The Town requested a consensus of support for this proposal from the Board that will be conveyed to the State Highway Administration. The Board of County Commissioners will execute a letter of support that will be included with all documentation to be presented to the State Highway Administration by the Town.

9. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
10. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for June 28, 2005 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 Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss the position of Director of the Department of Public Utilities. The same motion moved back into Public Session.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, that was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, agreed to appoint Charles McCollum to this department head level position. Mr. Pagenhardt will meet and confer with Mr. McCollum to address the terms and conditions of this personnel appointment.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners was presented with the following personnel recommendations of appointment:
 - a) Mr. Polce and Mr. Pagenhardt presented recommendations of appointment for Thomas Holler and Eric Moyer to the position of laborer with the County Roads Department. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, that was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved these recommendations. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment to each new employee outlining all terms and conditions of employment.
 - b) On July 1, Mr. Pagenhardt had presented a recommendation of appointment for Susan Sharpless as administrative assistant with the Department of Economic Development. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, that was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved this recommendation of appointment. This action is hereby reflected in this the next Public Meeting Minutes. Mr. Pagenhardt has sent an official letter of appointment to Ms. Sharpless outlining all terms and conditions of employment.

- c) Mr. Pagenhardt presented a recommendation of appointment for Joyce Lowdermilk to the position of administrative assistant with the Department of General Services. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, that was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this recommendation. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment to Ms. Lowdermilk outlining all terms and conditions of employment.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, that was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property abatement for the following parcels owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc:
 - a) Jennings Community Center
 - b) Overlook Early Childhood Education Center
 - c) Grantsville Senior Center
 - d) Pritts Building
 - e) Liberty Street Center
4. Due to the fact that the Board of County Commissioners had not scheduled a Public Meeting for the week of July 4 through 8, the Board designated Mr. Pagenhardt to approve a recommendation of bid/contract award for the Central Garrett Industrial Park Infrastructure Expansion Project (bid #05-0616). This bid was awarded to Frank Arnold Contractors, Inc. for \$98,311.50.
5. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt executed the Working Agreement between the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland and the Board of County Commissioners. The Board, by executing Resolution 2005-16, had approved the withdrawal of employees from the State System and transferring years of service and vested pension funds in the Garrett County Government Pension Plan
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, that was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property abatement for the following parcels owned by Garrett County Memorial Hospital:
 - a) Lots 61-69 Pythian Avenue (17013254)
 - b) 15.94 acres on Pythian Avenue (17004115)
 - c) 222 North Fourth Street (17008412)

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners