

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty
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 August 21, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 7, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) County Airport Expansion Project. Runway will be closed through August 31 to complete paving.
 - b) Status of water and sewer service at the Airport.
 - c) Public Work Complex update.
 - d) Detention Center and Public Safety Center.
 - e) Financial review on County Solid Waste and Recycling.
 - f) Other departmental issues.
4. Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services and Department staff briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Update on Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fee to include waiver and/or exemption and financial hardship exemption policy.
 - b) Real property tax revenue year-to-date
 - c) Investment practice for revenue received fiscal year-to-date and plans for investing short-term due to future projected borrowing.

- d) Update on financial responsibilities with the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families to include the transition from County control.
 - e) Other departmental issues.
5. Commissioners Glotfelty and Holliday presented a briefing on the Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference. Both Commissioners spoke at length with State of Maryland officials to include Governor Martin O'Malley on gypsy moth infestation.
6. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for Single Axle Dump Trucks (bid #07-0726DT). The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded the bid to Fyda Freightliner Pittsburgh, Inc for \$111,149 purchase price for each and a total purchase price of \$222,298. Two (2) trucks are approved in the budget.
7. Gary Cooper met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that the County fund an extension of water service to the Gorman Water System. Residents on Wilson-Corona Road had petitioned the Board to approve this extension of service and the County responded that grant funding would be pursued but that any project costs over and above a grant funded amount would be the responsibility of users to repay through a yearly benefit assessment. Mr. Cooper stated that residents would not be willing to pay any portion of the cost for this extension.
8. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week
9. Public Commentary. None on this date.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development met with the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) A waiver of permit fees for the Total Biz Fulfillment Project at the Southern Garrett Business & Technology Park. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, agreed to this waiver with the condition that a standard be included to recover

operational expenses (estimated to be \$600 which is 10% of the total permit cost). The Board requested that a policy be drafted that would show standard criteria for this waiver to include square footage, capital investment, and non-profits.

- b) Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding issue. Mr. Hinebaugh noted that ARC pulled about \$210,000 in funding for two (2) Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI) projects with funding directed to the cost of the conveyor system (\$160,000) and landscaping improvements (\$50,000). In order to compensate for withdrawing the funding to ASCI, ARC has offered to invest/replace a like amount of funding in another Garrett County project in lieu of County funding. In other words, ARC will replace \$210,000 in County funding in exchange for the County investing \$210,000 in the ASCI projects. The two projects that ARC identified for potential additional ARC investment are the Exhibit Hall and the McHenry Business Park. The Board agreed to direct the funds to the Exhibit Hall project for Fiscal Year 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date