

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg

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 November 20, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 13, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Glotfelty.
3. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation declaring the observation of "World Aids Day" on December 1, 2007.
4. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating November 1 to 30, 2007 as "National Home Care Month".
5. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating November 2007 as "National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month".
6. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental matters:
 - a) Garrett County Supplemental Homeowners Tax Credit. Specific suggested criteria were reviewed.
 - b) Update on past due personal property tax and ordinary business property tax.
 - c) Other departmental issues.

7. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental matters:
 - a) Review of public information meeting on November 19 on the County Comprehensive Plan.
 - b) Update on Garrett County Subdivision applications, planned residential developments (PRD), and total approved building lots for a ten (10) year period.
 - c) Request by Resort Development Corporation for a change to the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance, specifically to amend the Ordinance to redefine Hotel/Motel. The Planning Commission has reviewed this request and an opinion from the County Attorney has been requested and received.
 - d) Update on transient vacation rental enforcement.
 - e) Up to date building permit calculations.
 - f) Other departmental issues.

8. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to receive commentary on a proposed Unsafe Structure Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance would provide a process to identify, address, and abate a dangerous structure that contains unsafe equipment or is damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation that a partial or complete collapse is possible and prevents a threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. Public commentary and support of the proposed Ordinance was received from Stephen Sherrard, Director, Division of Environmental Health, Garrett County Health Department. Mr. Sherrard also encouraged local municipalities to adopt the County Ordinance. James Torrington, Chief, Division of Permits and Inspections, Department of Planning and Land Development commented that the State of Maryland Fire Marshall should be included in the inspection/enforcement provision of the Ordinance process.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Glotfelty, closed the Public Hearing and decided to keep the public commentary period open for a two (2) week period. A final decision by the Board will be made on December 11, 2007.

9. Public Commentary. None on this date.

10. 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. Mr. Pagenhardt presented a recommendation of appointment for Charles Junkins to the position of Buyer with the Purchasing Department to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, approved the appointment. An official letter of appointment outlining all terms and conditions of employment will be sent to Mr. Junkins by Mr. Pagenhardt.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date