

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
June 3, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg
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 June 3, 2008. Mr. Pagenhardt noted several matters to be discussed during administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes the Public Meeting of May 27, 2008 was read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.
3. The Board of County Commissioners presented the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates. Mr. Pagenhardt presented an overview of the recommended budget. Official action by the Board was taken as follows:

a) *The Landfill Bond Ad Valorem Tax - \$0.04.*

Tax rate approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.

b) *Supplemental Levy for Special Taxing Areas – The Ad Valorem Tax – Garrett County Sanitary District.*

- 1) Bloomington Sanitary District – Water - \$0.15
- 2) Chestnut Ridge Sewer Sanitary District - \$0.23
- 3) Deer Park Sewer Sanitary District - \$0.15
- 4) Deer Park Water Sanitary District - \$0.15
- 5) Friendsville Water Sanitary District - \$0.08
- 6) Jennings Sewer Sanitary District - \$0.16
- 7) McHenry Water Sanitary District - \$0.02

- 8) Meadow Mountain Sewer Sanitary District - \$0.08
- 9) Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Sewer Sanitary District - \$0.05
- 10) Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Water Sanitary District - \$0.01
- 11) Keyser’s Ridge Water Sanitary District - \$0.50

All tax rates approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.

c) The Real Property Tax (to include tax rate excluding fire tax, special fire tax levy per \$100, and Landfill Bond Tax)

- 1) Mountain Lake Park - \$0.942
- 2) Oakland - \$1.000
- 3) All other areas - \$1.000

All tax rates approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.

d) Public Utilities Tax (to include tax rate excluding fire tax, special fire tax levy per \$100, and Landfill Bond Tax)

1. Mountain Lake Park - \$2.355
2. Oakland - \$2.500
3. All other areas - \$2.500

All tax rates approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.

e) Fiscal Year 2009 Operating and Capitol Budget of \$85,298,803

Approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Chairman Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Gregg.

Each Commissioner provided their individual thoughts on the budget approval process and financial future for Garrett County Government. Public commentary was also provided.

4. The Department of Planning and Land Development presented requested Fiscal Year 2009 Program Open Space funds. The Board of County Commissioners will take the list of requests under advisement. Department staff also provided an update on year-to-date building permit activity.
5. The Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners:
 - a) Request for Proposal - Garrett County Fairgrounds Capital Improvement and Business Plan (RFP #08-0415). The Board, on a motion by

Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award to HOK Smith Forkner for \$48,600.00.

- b) Request for Proposal – Design/Build Construction – Garrett County Airport T- Hangar Building Contract 2 – (RFP #08-0506). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award to E&A Contracting, Inc. for \$420,495.00.

6. 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. Prior to the start of the Public Session the Board of County Commissioners met with Maryland Association of Counties President James Smith and Executive Director David Bliden.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Chairman Glotfelty and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed the First Amendment to a Grant Agreement dated September 16, 2005 between the County and the Department of Business and Economic Development for \$1,000,000. Project proceeds are to be used by the County to pay a portion of the costs to construct a road and utilities from US Route 40 to property expected to be acquired by the American Woodmark Corporation located in the Keyser's Ridge Business Park.
4. Chairman Glotfelty, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed a general application from the Department of Business and Economic Development to the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose to hire a professional firm to work with the Board of Directors of the Garrett County Agriculture Fair to develop a feasibility study to first determine the current assets and develop a master plan and second to build on those assets a new Exhibit Hall and better utilization of the fairgrounds. (See 4a of public session minutes)
5. In attendance for this session was Gary Mullich, Director of General Services and Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities. The issue discussed was the purchase of the Hetrick Property to be used for a public water source for the Keyser's Ridge area. Chairman Glotfelty had spoken with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary John Griffin pursuant to previous discussion on this matter. The potential for a County purchase of said property, an exchange of

property between the County and DNR, and a water appropriation permit by the State to the County is not under consideration. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Gregg, approved the purchase of the property for \$200,000. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to the motion.

6. (Originally scheduled for Executive Session). In attendance for this session was Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services; and James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development. The 2007 Maryland Legislative Session gave the County the legal authority to grant real estate tax credits against the County property tax to new and/or expanding businesses beginning with the 2007-2008 tax year. Staff briefed the Board on the provisions of the program and requested guidance on the implementation of the program. The Board agreed to the following guidelines:
- a) Set the minimum increase/threshold in assessed value at \$100,000.
 - b) Set the term/duration at five (5) years.
 - c) Set the percentage credit on a descending percentage (50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%) for the five (5) year term.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date