

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – December 2011
By the Board of County Commissioners “Board”

Deep Creek Lake

The Board and John Griffin, Secretary of the DNR conducted a presentation on issues related to DCL. Secretary Griffin and staff from DNR and MD Department of the Environment spoke on a variety of issues followed by public commentary.

Department of Economic Development

1. Adventure Sports Center International and Deep Creek 2014. The Board had appropriated \$25,000 to DC 2014 and determined to request a cost benefit analysis plan from ASCI prior to any additional funding for DC 2014. The debt service payment, that ASCI currently is responsible for, continues to be a concern for the future of the organization.
2. Execution of a Resolution authorizing the Co. to purchase Lot No. 3, SGB&T Park from the MD Economic Development Corporation for a purchase price of \$1,150,000 and authorizing the County to finance a portion of the purchase price with the MD Economic Development Assistance Fund in the amount of \$660,148 and authorizing the County to pay the balance of the purchase price and to execute and to direct that appropriate officers and agents of the County execute any and all documents as may be necessary to effect the purchase of the real property from MEDCo.

Department of Financial Services

1. The Board approved to execute an 5 Year Tax Setoff Agreement by and between the Board and the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park beginning on July 1, 2012.
2. Request from the GC Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for funding for air cascade truck repair. Total cost of the repair is \$9,400. The Board approved an appropriation of \$9,400.
3. Purchase or lease purchase of Roads Department equipment to be funded from FY 2012 Budget with an amendment to the Budget from carryover funds unspent by the Roads Department in the FY 2011 Budget.
4. Discussion on DCL Phase II Sediment Management Plan. The Board agreed to match the DNR commitment of \$65,000. DNR will need to secure the difference in the total cost of the Plan (\$180,000) which would be \$50,000. The Board believes that the DCL Property Owner’s Association has indicated they would possibly contribute to this cost.
5. Office lease for USDA – Rural Development at the Roger Glotfelty Building. This office lease period will not be extended and the University of MD Extension has requested to utilize this space. The Board agreed to this request.
6. Mr. Pagenhardt presented a financial plan recommendation for Board of Education, Garrett College, and County Government as it pertains to employee health care plans and employee compensation.
7. GC Fair Board –Exhibit/Trade Center rental policy. The Board will schedule a time in public session to meet with the Fair Board to review and provide suggestions and public commentary.

Garrett College

1. 2011 Fall Semester has more students (greater than 900) than any other semester since the College opened.
2. Review of the grand opening of the Community Athletic and Recreation Center and a summary of the operating cost and community membership.
3. Budget projections and planning. It was noted that the current number of faculty is the same as 23 years ago.
4. Notice that College students will be involved in community service activity
5. Appreciation to the Board for funding of the “I Can Swim Program”.

Health Department

1. The Board executed a Proclamation designating November as “National Home Care Month”.
2. Reconciliation of FY11 reflected a positive financial audit and the Health Department returned \$169,869.17 in matching funds/settlement to the County.
3. The Local Management Board – Partnership for Children and Families is now an instrumentality of the GC Health Department. Effective date of this action is November 1, 2011.
4. MD Rural Health Conference is scheduled for November.
5. The Board met with Priority Partners MCO who is owned by Johns Hopkins HealthCare and is one of seven Managed Care Organizations authorized by the MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to administer the State’s Medicaid program.

Department of Planning & Land Development

1. The Board conducted a *Public Hearing* on an application submitted by Don Nine for a junkyard license to recycle/salvage automobiles at Don’s Classic Car Company. Letters and emails expressing opinion on this subject were entered into the public commentary record. Also, a number of interested persons expressed opinion on the application. The Board agreed to hold the public commentary period open for a 2 week period and make an official decision during the December 6, 2011 public meeting.
2. The Board discussed “green build tax credits”. The implementation of this tax credit will require legislative authority from the General Assembly therefore the Board will add this issue to the Legislative Request List for 2012.
3. Presentation of the Draft GC Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan. The Plan needs approved by the Board and forwarded to the MD Department of the Environment.

4. Review of Timberlake Subdivision Code Violation as it pertains to Gregory Mortimer and the suspension of his home builder's license by the State of MD Office of the Attorney General.
5. Review of conditions of the Norman and Glenna Guthrie grading permit and request that they work with the Department of P&LD to come into compliance rather than having the County pursue legal proceedings in Circuit Court.

Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management

1. Review and update of the GC Hazardous Materials Response Plan.
2. Review of Draft GC/Municipality Hazard Mitigation Plan. All County Municipalities are required to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan as a separate jurisdiction or they can adopt the County Plan.
3. Request for funding from the GC Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for repairs (\$9,400) to the Air Cascade System. Mr. Pagenhardt will contact the Association and see if there is insurance coverage that would apply and report back to the Board. The Board may consider assisting with payment of the repairs or an associated deductible.

Purchasing Department

1. Refuse Containers. The Board approved a bid award to Stoltzfus for (3) forty yard closed recycling containers @ \$5,412.00 = \$16,236.00; (2) thirty yard closed container with dividers @\$5,415.00 = \$10,830.00; and thirty yard closed container w/o dividers @\$5,030.00 for a total cost of \$32,096.00.
2. Discussion on the disposition of Bloomington Elementary School. The Purchasing Department did not receive any bids for the sale of this property.
3. Replacement of Court House Chiller. A motion to approve the bid award to Beitzel Corporation for \$114,829.00.
4. Fire Prevention Systems Services. The Board approved an award to a number of vendors for specific services and locations which are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Roads Department

The Board reviewed and approved project work on the Glendale Bridge. This work, estimated at \$8,000 by the Roads Department, would construct additional guards on the south end of the bridge to prohibit/limit road abrasives from being plowed into the yard and deck areas.

Miscellaneous

1. The Board executed a Proclamation designating the week of October 31 through November 6, 2011 as "National Drug Facts Week".
2. The Board determined to designate Chairman Crawford as the MD Association of Counties Legislative Committee Member for 2012. Commissioner Raley will again serve as the Legislative Committee Alternate for the same term.
3. The Board discussed financial matters and other issues relative to the GC Public School System. Included in this discussion was a proposal by the GC Chamber of Commerce to support a state-wide mandate to commence the school year after the Labor Day weekend.
4. The Board discussed the Exhibit and Trade Center fee schedule established by the Fair Board of Directors.
5. The Mayor and Town Council of Oakland requested approval from the Board of the annexation of property owned by Bypass Ventures. The Board unanimously agreed to the annexation.
6. Plans for a 50th Anniversary event for the GC Airport scheduled for Saturday, August 11, 2012.
7. The Board expressed their reluctance to support the introduction of Elk in GC proposal by the MD Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation.
8. The Board discussed issues related to the GC Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Committee. Chairman Crawford expressed his opinion that the Board propose that the Committee provide a public update in January and at which time inquire if the Committee has any recommendations in the short or long term, areas of concern, and what points of focus are part of their agenda discussion.
9. Request from Tri-Towns Basketball League to utilize the Bloomington Elementary School gymnasium. The Board did not agree to this request due to the fact that funding for maintenance, snow removal, utilities, custodial, and other operational costs have not been budgeted.
10. The Board approved amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Classified Service of GC.
11. The Board discussed the designation of Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Raley will assume Chairmanship on December 13, 2011 and will serve in this capacity for a 1 year period.
12. Commissioner Raley will replace Chairman Crawford as Ex- Officio Member of the GC Board of Education. This change will be effective January 1, 2012.
13. Review 2012 Legislation that will be presented to the State of MD General Assembly. The Board will take official action on all proposals for legislation and finalize a list to be presented to the Delegation on December 20, 2011.