

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 2001**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel
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 Session agenda for December 27, 2001.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 18, 2001 and Administrative Session of December 20, 2001 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Duane Yoder, President of Garrett County Community Action Committee, requested that the Board of County Commissioners review for approval the following grant agreement and applications:
 - ∇ Emergency Shelter Grant. Previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners to allow Community Action to administer the program under all terms and conditions of the grant. Chairman Gregg executed, on behalf of the Board, all required documents.
 - ∇ Rental Allowance Program Grant. A continuation of existing program that requires official action and approval by the Board of County Commissioners. A motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this grant application.
 - ∇ Maryland Department of Transportation Grant. Previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners to allow for the purchase of a new wheel chair lift van and to identify a site and design for a transit facility. Chairman Gregg executed, on behalf of the Board, all documents that also require the review and approval for legal sufficiency of Gorman Getty, County Attorney prior to final submittal to the State of Maryland.
 - ∇ Meals on Wheels Program. A letter of support signed by Chairman Gregg was sent to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to fund the shortfall in this program.
4. Brad Frantz, Director of the Department of Emergency Management and Phil Rook, Assistant Director, briefed the Board on a number of departmental updates that included the following:

- ∇ Disaster plan to be rescheduled with Garrett County Memorial Hospital and other County offices and agencies.
 - ∇ Department of Transportation grant funding for extraction and training for local fire departments and rescue squads.
 - ∇ The status of the memorandum of understanding with Allegany County for HAZMAT training and coverage.
 - ∇ The status of removing the communication tower from the Court House.
 - ∇ Emergency management dispatch training schedule for all employees within the Department.
5. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a number of change orders for the Garrett County Health Center. The following action approved each change order:
- ∇ Change orders five (5) through eight (8). Approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Change orders nine through thirteen (13). Approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.

Mr. Mullich also discussed the sprinkler head leak at the Garrett County Health Center and outlined the maintenance and cleanup procedure in place with the contractor and Department of General Services staff personnel.

6. At the request of the Board of County Commissioners, State of Maryland Deputy Chief Fire Marshall Robert Thomas was in attendance to discuss the duties and responsibilities of his office and particularly inspection services. Delegate George Edwards, Department of Economic Development Director Jim Hinebaugh, Planning and Zoning Director John Nelson, and Department of Planning and Zoning Permits and Inspection Coordinator Jim Torrington were also in attendance. Chief Deputy Thomas assured all officials in attendance that he would commit to quality service from his department and that any issues, economic development, or building permits/inspection will be answered through Allen Gosnell, Western Region Deputy Fire Marshall. Mr. Gosnell was also in attendance.
7. Delegate Edwards met with the Board of County Commissioners to speak about funding, possibly in a joint effort with Allegany County, for terrestrial and wireless communication infrastructure through the State of Maryland. It was the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners to request that Delegate Edwards pursue funding, through the Office of the Speaker of the House, that will be appropriated for this purpose. The Board understood that any funding from the State would require a local match. Based on the fact that there are a number of unknown aspects of this funding issue, to include the total or comprehensive cost, the Board of County Commissioners, through Mr. Pagenhardt, will request that the County be given the option to withdraw any interest and potential commitment at any time.
8. Mr. Hinebaugh updated the Board of County Commissioners on issues and projects ongoing with the Department of Economic Development. A project report dated December 27, 2001 was distributed that explained in detail each issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, in reply to a letter from the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park pertaining to a request that the Board draft and implement a County Noise and Racetrack Ordinance, took the following official action. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, determined not to pursue the executive process to implement regulations through an official ordinance.
2. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

