

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
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 agenda for August 6, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 30, 2002 and Administrative Session for August 1, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Wendy Yoder briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of issues to include the following:
 - ∇ Final Fiscal Year 2003 Budget amendments were recommended and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ An update on Fiscal Year 2003 financial audit to include estimated year end carryover funds
 - ∇ Other departmental issues
4. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development reviewed the final Garrett County Economic Development Strategic Plan with the Board of County Commissioners. Also in attendance for this session were Ben Tomb, representing Headwaters Corporation, consultant for the study and Chris Sweitzer, representing the Garrett County Development Corporation. Mr. Hinebaugh explained the process of compiling the final plan for adoption by the Board that included the involvement of the Department of Economic Development and the Development Corporation. This process included a series of public meetings, interviews with key individuals, an evaluation of recent achievements, a comparison to the previous plan, and a number of review sessions. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, formally adopted a resolution that will identify the plan as the official plan for economic development in Garrett County.
5. John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:

- ∇ The Garrett County Planning Commission will review issues to be presented to the State of Maryland Highway Administration pre-tour at the September Planning Commission meeting. The Board of County Commissioners will meet with State Highway Administration officials on September 20 for the annual tour visit.
 - ∇ Announcement/reminder that the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Planning and Zoning will conduct a public hearing on August 27, 2002 at Garrett College to receive comment on amendments to the Garrett County Subdivision Ordinance and a modification to the Keyser's Ridge priority funding area designation.
 - ∇ A review by the Permits and Inspection Office on year-to-date statistics.
 - ∇ Notification that there will be orientation for all county officials who have received funding under the Rural Legacy Program.
 - ∇ Mr. Nelson and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a petition from Marsh Hill Road Extended Association. The petition read that property owners are concerned about the potentially dangerous impact development by Deep Creek Mountain Resort will have on this County road. As requested by the petitioners, the petition will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on August 7, 2002. A response to the Association by the Board of County Commissioners will be prepared after the Planning Commission meeting.
6. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services read a request from PAWS in which a request to use the Garrett County Animal Shelter for a "dogwash". The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this request as presented.
 7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a lease agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Garrett County Board of Education. This agreement, prior to official adoption on this date, was reviewed by Gorman Getty, County Attorney for legal sufficiency.
 8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address personnel issues related to the Garrett County Airport Commission. The same motion moved back to public session.
 9. The Board of County Commissioners publicly recognized and commended Wayne's Water 'N Wells for their lifesaving efforts that helped save the nine coal miners from Western Pennsylvania. A certificate of commendation along with other tokens of appreciation was presented to Wayne Bolden, President of the company. Mr. Bolden spoke how the rescue process had taken place and the role he and his employees played.
 10. The Board of County Commissioners visited Flying Scot, Inc. as part of their ongoing commitment to visiting local businesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Cheryl DeBerry to the position of agriculture marketing specialist. MR.

Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment to Ms. DeBerry outlining the terms and conditions of this contractual employment agreement.

2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association I which a request for additional funds were requested for an air cascade unit. The Board had appropriated matching funds for this capital purchase in Fiscal Year 2003. Mr. Pagenhardt recommended that the Board review this request for funds after the completion of the Fiscal Year 2002 audit when actual undesignated/unreserved funds are known. The Board concurred with this recommendation and indicated that the Association submits a detail description of the equipment to be purchased.
3. The Board of County Commissioners on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property tax abatement for Fiscal Year 2003 on the following properties owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. The motion to approve included the condition that the abatement for this year is consistent with prior provisions for any delineation of taxes due.
 - ∇ Jennings Community Center
 - ∇ Overlook Early Child Education Center
 - ∇ Grantsville Senior Center
4. The Board of County Commissioners on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the Garrett County Fair.
5. 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, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date