

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**July 16, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Robert G. Gatto*  
*Commissioner Gregan T. Crawford*  
*Commissioner James M. Raley*

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative, personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with Kyle Yost of 'Win-The Fight' Events to discuss issues related to the 2014 SavageMan Triathlon and the International Canoe Federation 2014 World Championships. In attendance for this session were the following staff persons:
  - County Attorney Gorman Getty, III
  - Major Michael Bittinger, Garrett County Sheriff's Office
  - Michael Koch, Director, Department of Economic Development
  - Jay Moyer, General Roads Superintendent County Roads Department

The major point of discussion was the availability of public safety, transportation, and medical services to assist with providing services that were prevalent in the past. All County departments and agencies will work collectively to assure resource capability is available.

3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss legal matters relative to economic development, finance, and procurement. The same motion ended the Executive Session.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Additions/deletions to public meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were 3 additions and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for July 16, 2013.
  - a) Department of Economic Development Director Michael Koch will present an update on the development at the Keyser's Ridge Business Park and the recent announcement that Strata Safety Products, LLC will be locating operations at this location.
  - b) The Board will take official action on the lease agreement with the Grantsville Museum.

- c) On this date the Board received a Recommendation from the Garrett County Planning Commission for text amendments submitted by Bill Meagher on behalf of Lakeside Commercial Properties, LLC. The Board will announce how they will proceed.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Chairman Gatto, and made unanimous by Commissioner Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for July 16, 2013.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2013 and Executive Session Minutes of July 2, 2013.
3. The Board of County Commissioners provided an update of the boards, committees, and commission meetings they have attended and participated in since the last public meeting.
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a **Public Hearing** to receive commentary on a petition to open a portion of Wisp Mountain Road. Commentary was received by the Board and will be taken under consideration prior to a final decision. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to hold the public hearing record open until August 9, 2013 and during that time solicit advice and input from the Roads Department and Engineering Department. Official action by the Board will be scheduled for August 13, 2013.
5. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for a 1-Ton Truck (bid #13-0627). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved an award to Hetrich Fleet Services, Inc. for a total award price of \$39,819.00.
6. Cecil Holtschneider expressed his opinion on a property access right of away for Rock Creek Development. The Board of County Commissioners, under the advice of the County Attorney and County Administrator, made no comment based on the fact that Mr. Holtschneider is involved in a circuit court appeal litigation vs. the County.
7. Mr. Koch presented and reviewed the recent announcement related to Strata Safety Products, LLC (Strata) and their decision to locate in the Keyser's Ridge Business Park. Strata is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Strata Worldwide, LLC, a global leader in mine safety solutions that promote a safer, more productive working environment above and below ground. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, this new Grantsville location will be Strata's first in our region. Mr. Koch stated that the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development are committed to the continual economic growth of the County. Recently, Strata announced that it is the first company, worldwide, to receive official United States Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) approval for components used in its Mine Refuge Alternatives. The County is working with Strata to construct a 12,000-square foot, steel-framed, manufacturing facility on a five-acre parcel in the Keyser's Ridge Business Park. Strata plans to use the facility for research and development, engineering, product service, project management, and customer service in support of its line of emergency refuge and safety chambers and accessories. Completion of construction and occupancy by Strata is anticipated by year-end 2013. Once complete, Strata has agreed to create twenty-five permanent, full-time jobs at the facility.

8. Pursuant to a session during the May 21, 2013 Public Meeting at which time the Board of County Commissioners discussed issues related to the Grantsville Museum. On that date the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to have the County Attorney draft an Agreement that will void the current Agreement and return ownership to the County which will allow the Museum to continue and remain open. Specifics of this Agreement will be determined.
9. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the Recommendation from the Garrett County Planning Commission relative to text amendments submitted by Bill Meagher on behalf of Lakeside Commercial Properties, LLC was received on this date. The Board will take this matter under advisement at this time and notify certain stakeholders that a public hearing has not yet been scheduled. Stakeholders include the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Department of Environment, Friends of Deep Creek Lake, Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association, and Chamber of Commerce.
10. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, re-appointed Sam Ingram to the Garrett County Licensing and Enforcement Board of Appeals. An official letter will be sent to Mr. Ingram outlining the terms of this appointment under the signature of Chairman Gatto.
11. Public Commentary.
  - a) Members of Garrett Countians for Smart Growth voiced their opinion on the Oakland Bypass – Realignment of Route 219 Project that the Board of County Commissioners decided to retain and the #2 Garrett County Project of the State of Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Plan for 2014.
  - b) Eric Robison presented a brief overview for adopting the Route 495 corridor as a preferred truck route around Garrett County. He stated that on July 22nd the Governors Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission will outline the completion of several studies required within the Executive Order and with Marcellus Shale development there will approximately 225 wells in Garrett County. Each will require over 4,000 truck trips per well for water delivery and waste removal, this would equal 900,000 truck trips in and around Garrett County. He believes that making Route 495 a truck route through Garrett County will resolve multiple issues at the same time. The Garrett County Commissioners may want to review the study scope and adjust some of the Capital expenses; i.e., removing the Oakland bypass and adopting a position that would allow for additional economic development on the Route 495 corridor and not impacting the current development (businesses) in Oakland and the Deep Creek area.
12. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for July 2, 2013 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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13. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the Board's meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming weeks.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Robert G. Gatto, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date