

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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 was one (1) deletion and no additions to the agenda for August 20, 2002. The executive session scheduled with the Department of Economic Development was postponed.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 13, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg. Commissioner Beitzel was not in attendance for this segment of the public session, however he returned prior to the next appointment.
3. Mark Proulx, candidate for the Office of Sheriff, met with the Board of County Commissioners to state an allegation that employees with the Garrett County Sheriff's Department are placing campaign signs for Sheriff Sanders while on duty. Mr. Proulx also questioned this assumed similar practice of Sheriff Sanders. Chief Deputy/Major Gary Berkebile was in attendance and stated that he did not believe employees were placing any campaign signs, a practice that he adamantly did not think was occurring. Major Berkebile would meet with all personnel in the Department and reinforce County policy that prohibits this activity. Mr. Pagenhardt informed Mr. Proulx that a complaint to the Garrett County Ethics Commission would be an available avenue of recourse if he felt that Sheriff Sanders, as an elected official, was in violation of any ethics ordinance or requirement.
4. The Procurement Officer presented a recommendation bid award for Excavation and Site Work on the Casselman Valley Soccer Association Fields. The Board of County Commissioners approved this bid award to BYCO Enterprises, Inc. on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
5. David Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court, officially swore in Joseph Keating as Supervisor of Assessments for Garrett County. A number of State of Maryland officials and County staff personnel were in attendance for this ceremony.
6. 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 economic development and financial issues. The same motion moved back to public session

7. George Brodak, a resident of the Deep Creek Lake area, met with the Board of County Commissioners and John Nelson to request rezoning of his property. Mr. Nelson informed Mr. Brodak of the procedure, which initiates with a letter to the Board of County Commissioners, who in turn forward the request to the Garrett County Planning Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the listing of all boards and commissions that the Board either is responsible for appointing or serving on. The primary purpose of this review was to adopt and determine term limits on a number of boards and commission that at this time do not have this condition. Five (5) year term limits were based on the original date of appointment assigned to the following boards and commissions:
 - ∇ Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission
 - ∇ Garrett County Animal Issues Advisory Commission
 - ∇ Garrett County Government Ethics Commission
 - ∇ Garrett County/Preston County Rural Economic Development Task Force
 - ∇ Garrett County Gypsy Moth Task Force
 - ∇ Garrett County Commission for Handicapped Individuals
 - ∇ Garrett County Recreational Trails Task Force
 - ∇ Garrett County Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee
 - ∇ Youghiogeny River Citizens Advisory Board
2. Chairman Gregg executed the Fifth Contract Amendment extending the Section 8 Moderate Housing Contract between the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Housing and Community Development. Gorman Getty, County Attorney had reviewed for legal sufficiency and approved the Amendment prior to Chairman Gregg's signature.
3. 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