

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 11, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner David C. Beard
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 Meeting of May 11, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 4, 2004 and Administrative Session of May 6, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners issued a Proclamation designating May 29, 2004 as World War II Veterans Recognition Day”.
4. The Board of County Commissioners issued a Proclamation designating May 8 to 15, 2004 as “National Tourism Week in Garrett County”.
5. The Board of County Commissioners recognized and commended Danielle Brenneman as the 2004 Garrett County 8th Grade Essay Contest “Special Parking for Special People” winner. Ms. Brenneman was in attendance for this session and she read her essay.
6. Thomas Bittinger, former commander of the Oakland Barrack of the Maryland National Guard spoke with the Board of County Commissioners about the recent announcement to close operations. Mr. Bittinger spoke to possible usage for the property to include recreational, community center, or other uses. Mr. Bittinger had previously met with Garrett College and the City of Oakland on potential multi-agency usage. Commissioner Beard, who has often expressed his support for a community youth center, encouraged this cooperative discussion to continue. Mr. Bittinger was requesting support from the Board of County Commissioners on this matter, which could benefit all age groups. The Board will support the concept without any financial commitment to the initiative.

7. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
- ⇒ Progress of Deep Creek Watershed Economic Development Analysis Task Force to include plans to schedule public information meetings in August. A draft agreement will be available at that time for public review and comment.
 - ⇒ Program Open Space funding for Fiscal Year 2005. Funding in the amount of \$25,000 has been committed to the Garrett County Recreation Plan. The Department of Planning and Zoning has completed solicitation for projects.
 - ⇒ Glendale Road right-of-way status to include condemnation process
 - ⇒ Recreational Trails Committee update to include maintenance, ownership, and usage. The Committee is scheduled to meet with the Board on May 18, 2004 to address this matter.
 - ⇒ AgLand Preservation applications have been requested and a public hearing needs to be scheduled to review and approve these. The County Agriculture Advisory Committee has recommended that each application be advertised for public hearing required for final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
 - ⇒ Update of approved building permits year to date
8. The Board of County Commissioners approved the following recommendations of bid award:
- ⇒ Fuel (bid # 04-0427F). Approved on a recommendation by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg to Oakland Oil Company.
 - ⇒ Tandem Axle Dump Truck (bid #04-0427DT). Approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg to Worldwide Equipment.
 - ⇒ Table Rock Water System Well Control Cable Replacement (bid #04-0420). Approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg to T L Margroff Enterprises, LLC.
 - ⇒ Chain and Augers (bid #04-0427CA). Approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. To Chemung Supply Corp.
9. Residents from Youghiogheny Homeowners Association/Piney Mountain Corporation met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that the County Roads Department pave the entrance to this development. According to residences, the entrance in reference is a loading/unloading location for school buses. Commissioner Beard had previously met with these residents on this matter. The Board emphasized the legality of expending public funds on private property. Mr. Pagenhardt will evaluate the right-of-way in the area and advise the Board and the residents on this. A

petition by the homeowners of this Corporation requesting that the Board of County Commissioners complete this work was also presented.

10. The Board of County Commissioners met with staff from the Departments of Public Utilities and Financial Services on capacity fees and rate structure amendments recently adopted. The Board scheduled this session to evaluate suggestions of equity on the following provisions of the Ordinance that was adopted on April 27, 2004.
 - ⇒ Amendments to Policy and Procedures Manual. Maintenance callout for grinder pump and electrical repair. If approved, this amendment will provide a deterrent to contractors who call out Department electricians for this purpose.
 - ⇒ USDA grant to fund sampling equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chairman Gregg executed this document on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
 - ⇒ Request to evaluate the option for capacity fees to incrementally increase based on the number of actual bathrooms as opposed to the tiered level as approved by executive action by the Board of County Commissioners on April 20, 2004. Mark Tonkovich, Director, Department of Public Utilities was asked by the Board for a recommendation on this matter. Mr. Tonkovich recommended no change to the policy as approved and the Board will take no further action.
11. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
12. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, 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 financial matters. The same motion moved back into Public Session.
13. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for Motor Oil (bid #04-0511) and Sale of Surplus County Property (bid #04-0511T). All bids received will be reviewed with a recommendation for award to be made.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request from the Mayor and Town Council of Loch Lynn Heights for financial assistance on improvements (milling) to Roanoke Avenue. This request was initially addressed during the Board and Mayor and Town Council meeting in March and also in a follow-up letter. The Board will take this issue under advisement.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

