

***BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***  
***PUBLIC MEETING***  
***FEBRUARY 15, 2005***

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Ernest J. Gregg*

*Commissioner David C. Beard*

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

*Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday*

**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 February 15, 2005.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 8, 2005 and Executive Session of February 8, 2005 were read, and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg.
3. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an Ordinance adopting recommendations by the Salary Review Commission. The Board, on February 8, 2005, had taken official action on this issue which are as follows:

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners

Increase in annual salary to \$32,500 per year for term of office

State's Attorney for Garrett County

Establish the salary of this elected at eighty percent (80%) of the prevailing annual salary of the District Court Judge.

Introduce legislation to delete the State's Attorney from the salary study process as currently outlined in Chapter 91-2 of the Code of Garrett County, Maryland.

The Salary Study Commission would also request that the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator approve a budgetary policy that would establish the salary of the full-time Assistant State's Attorney at seventy percent (70%) of the prevailing salary of the State's Attorney.

Judges of the Orphans Court for Garrett County

Increase in annual salary of the chief judge to \$4,500 per year for term of office

Increase in annual salary of the associate judges to \$4,200 per year for term of office

Eliminate the per meeting expense of \$40 for the chief judges and associate judge for term of office.

Sheriff for Garrett County

Increase annual salary to \$75,000 per year for term of office

Garrett County Board of Education

Increase the annual salary of all Members to \$4,000 per year.

Garrett County Board of Election Supervisors

No changes in current compensation level

Add \$50 per day stipend for logic and accuracy testing for all Board Supervisors

Garrett County Liquor Board

No changes in current compensation level

The Commission requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a two-term length of service limit for all boards and commissions that you appoint. Currently documented term of appointment is in place; however there is no County policy on the number of terms appointees may serve.

The Board of County Commissioners approved all compensation recommendations by the Garrett County Salary Commission. The request by the Commission to adopt a two-term length of service limit policy was not approved.

4. Staff with the Department of Public Utilities briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) Update of Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - b) Friendsville Treatment Facility
  - c) Keyser's Ridge BRS Upgrade
  - d) Keyser's Ridge Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant status
  - e) Pumping station rehabilitation
  - f) Western Force Main
  - g) County Airport Expansion
  - h) Crellin Water Expansion Project
  - i) Mountain Lake Park Water Improvement Project
  - j) Trout Run Facility Upgrade Project
  - k) Other Departmental matters.

A number of residents in attendance requested further information on the specific of the Deep Creek Lake Sanitary District to annexed parcels. Questions included consideration that the expansion of public water and sewer service to Stockslager Road be deferred to Phase II of plans, a waiver of connection if the property has a code compliant septic system, specifically for the Sandy Beach area, providing project update mailing to residents in planned service areas, the implementation of water meters for accurate calculation of actual usage.

The Board will consider the question/issue of deferring service connection to certain parcels and this will be determined prior to an official construction award.

5. Members of the Garrett County Recreational Trails Committee met with the Board of County Commissioners. Also, in attendance for this session were staff with the Army Corp of Engineers. A local easement agreement, between the County and the Corp was discussed and the Board concurred with final drafting of said agreement. Another trail development issue, the Friendsville-Kendall Trail Project was reviewed with a proposal distributed for improvement of the Upper Youghiogheny Rail Trail by the Friendsville Revitalization Task Force Trail Committee. (Proposed funding sources for this project will include \$50,000 (Appalachian Regional Commission), \$35,000 (State Highway Administration) \$10,000 (Bikes Belong), and \$5,000 (private donations/fund raising).
6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
7. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 8, 2005 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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 economic development matters pertaining to Sisler Lumber Company. The same motion moved back into Public Session. Also in attendance for this session was Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development.

The purpose of this session was to receive commentary and guidance on the business retention of Sisler Lumber Company regarding the re-establishment of the business's operations within Garrett County.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners executed a letter to Delegate George Edwards requesting the introduction of legislation that would increase the limit/cap on the Coal

Bond Supplement Fund to \$750,000 with the resumption of deposits to \$500,000. The purpose of this action will assist the coal industry to continue to operate without requiring additional capital expenditures to guarantee environmental compliance with the State of Maryland regulatory program.

3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of appointment of Roger Skipper as Project Manager, Construction/Preventative Maintenance Coordinator. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. Skipper by Mr. Pagenhardt outlining the terms and conditions of employment.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a request by The Maryland Salem Children's Trust for a waiver of all building permit fees for planned construction of a new educational facility. The request for a total waiver was not approved; however the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a per inspection fee in lieu of the square footage fee. This is consistent with waivers approved by the Board for non-profit organizations.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property tax abatement for Accident Community Housing Corporation.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property tax abatement for Backbone Housing, Inc.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a Revised Resolution approving an amendment of change to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan to allow an infiltration and inflow study of the Friendsville Sewerage System.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date