

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
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 and one (1) deletion to the Public Session agenda for January 3, 2002. The session scheduled with the Garrett County Fair Board was canceled by mutual consent based on the fact that a number of individuals directly involved with the exhibit hall project could not attend. Another meeting pertaining to the planning for this project has been scheduled for January 10, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 27, 2001 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department of Financial Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of departmental updates to include the following:
 - ∇ Mr. Pagenhardt and Ms. Yoder reviewed a letter of intent to seek a tax differential for Fiscal Year 2003 from the Town of Oakland
 - ∇ Notification by the Board to the State of Maryland Department of Assessment by March 1, 2002 to reduce the personal property tax.
 - ∇ Actual year to date revenue received by the Department through December 31, 2001.

Mr. Pagenhardt requested that the Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board, comprises of County department heads meet on January 10, 2002 with the agenda topics to include the pending tax differential intent by the Town of Oakland and the issue of a continuance of reduction in the personal property tax. Ms. Yoder will prepare revenue estimates to show the net effect of a number of percentage reductions for this meeting.

4. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development met with the Board of County Commissioners to review the issue of electrical infrastructure for Phenix Technologies in the Central Garrett Industrial Park. Frank Vitez, President had requested (through Mr. Hinebaugh) that the County cover the expense of this construction/installation. The Board of County Commissioners directed Mr.

Hinebaugh to monitor the cost of this segment of the project, to include the financial obligation of the County to the total project, and apply any actual cost that is under approved/budget levels to the electrical infrastructure request. The total County financial commitment for the Phenix project will not increase but any actual expenditures that are under approved levels will be directed to this part of the overall construction and relocation project.

5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed manufacturers personal property tax applications from Garrett Containers System, Inc. for tax years 1999 and 2000. The approval of these applications was postponed pending more information from Garrett Containers System, Inc. and the Department of Economic Development.
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 discuss the issue of a self funded pension plan for law enforcement personnel with the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center. The same motion moved back to public session.
7. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of departmental updates to include the following:
 - ∇ The malfunction of a sprinkler head at the Garrett County Health Center that caused water damage.
 - ∇ The Northern Garrett Industrial Park fire suppression pump and settlement with the Local Government Insurance Trust.
 - ∇ Planning and agenda issues with the Airport Advisory Commission.
 - ∇ Status of the expansion of the Garrett County Airport.
 - ∇ Renovation schedule for offices and departments in the Court House.
 - ∇ Construction and installation plans for air conditioning and fire suppression in the Court House.
 - ∇ Procurement plans for the parking lot on Alder Street.
 - ∇ Status of formal plans to auction/sell the old Board of Education building.
 - ∇ A number of issues related to the Division of Animal Control and the pending animal control ordinance being reviewed by the county attorney with a formal adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.
 - ∇ Architectural and engineering plans for the Grantsville Branch of the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the issue of County funding for the Grantsville Branch of the Ruth Enlow Library. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, determined that the County would commit dollar for dollar what the ReNew Grantsville's Library Committee can raise through April 15, 2002, to include all pledges for financial support. The date of April 15 was established to allow for adequate time to prepare for Fiscal Year 2003 Budget finalization. The financial commitment by the County will include any actual

funds appropriated and expended in Fiscal Year 2002 (budgeted at \$15,000). Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the Board of Trustees of the Library of this action.

2. Commissioner Beitzel attended the Western Maryland 4-H Education Center Board of Directors meeting in Grantsville.
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, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

