

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 22, 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 or deletions to the Public Session agenda for January 22, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 15, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. In furtherance of the Board of County Commissioners' Detention Center Advisory Committee's meeting on January 16, 2002, met with Sheriff Sanders and members of the Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the process of preparing a request for proposal for a site to be used for the construction of a new detention facility and this date was scheduled with the Board of County Commissioners for this purpose. Issues discussed at this session were the following:
 - ∇ The size of the property required to locate the detention facility
 - ∇ The distance from the District Court for the transportation of inmates and the securing and housing while inmates are awaiting their court appearance
 - ∇ The question of locating the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Emergency Management at the new facility.
 - ∇ Zoning issues with local municipalities

After an extensive discussion and a conclusion that the Board of County Commissioners need guidance and professional knowledge on this project, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, directed the Department of General Services to begin the process of completing a request for proposal for consulting services to establish a needs assessment and project criteria. The employment of a consultant will precede any site review. The consultant will work with the Advisory Committee and advise the Board of County Commissioners at the appropriate times during the planning process.

4. Mountain Maryland Entrepreneurial Development Center Programs Director Katie Thorn presented a brief overview of this organization to the Board of County Commissioners. Informational packages were distributed to each commissioner.
5. 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 financial issues related to flood mitigation projects. The same motion moved back to administrative session.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, authorized Chairman Gregg to execute a resolution approving the application submittal and statement of assurances related to the next round of Community Development Block Grants application as recommended by Garrett County Community Action Committee. These included:
 - ∇ The Avilton Community Center
 - ∇ Mountain Village Housing Project
 - ∇ The Home Repair Program
7. Staff personnel from the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling presented the Board of County Commissioners with a departmental overview. Issues addressed included in an outline that will be further reviewed by Mr. Pagenhardt and management from this department.
8. The Procurement Office recommended the award of bids received for the following:
 - ∇ Request for Proposals – Heritage Plan (#01-1128)
The Board of County Commissioners approved this recommendation of award to Urban Research and Development Corporation on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ∇ Request for Proposals – Recreational Trail System Plan (#01-1206)
The Board of County Commissioners approved this recommendation of award to Pashek Associated on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
9. Members of the Partners for Animal Welfare and Safety (PAWS) canceled their scheduled appointment with the Board of County Commissioners. There was no indication that a rescheduling will be requested.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a petition from Thomas Beall, Raymond Devine, and Courtney Engler to close a portion of Everly Road, which is a County road. This issue, which was directed to Mr. Pagenhardt, was reviewed by the Garrett County Roads Department prior to being presented to the Board. A public hearing will be scheduled and further action by the Board of County Commissioners will be taken under advisement after the public hearing process is completed.

2. The Board of County Commissioners approved the following calculation approach for the determination of tax differential payment to the Town of Oakland and the Town of Mountain Lake Park. The County will pay back to each Town an amount of money equal to the Town tax rate multiplied by the assessable base of each Garrett County Government entity located within the Town that the County has authority over and/or to which the County appropriates funding. For Fiscal Year 2003, the County tax rate for residents of the Town of Oakland and the Town of Mountain Lake Park would be reduced by an amount equal to this calculation factor. This procedure of tax differential will be agreed to by both the Board of County Commissioners and each Town for a five (5) year period beginning with Fiscal Year 2003 and will be in effect until terminated by either the County or the Town on a six (6) month prior notice, provided that the County's annual budget has not been set. A letter under the signature of Mr. Pagenhardt will be sent to each respective mayor and town council.

3. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

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By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date