

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 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 February 12, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 5, 2002, Executive Session for February 5, 2002, and Administrative Session for February 7, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ∇ Snow removal operations and associated costs year to date
 - ∇ Personnel cost associated with "call-time" for emergency/snow removal operations
 - ∇ Construction plans for the relocation of the Grantsville Area Garage
 - ∇ A review of plans for bridge construction and repair
 - ∇ A review of a petition submitted to the Board of County Commissioners requesting that Shady Dell Road be improved.
 - ∇ Other relevant issues and areas of responsibility under the Roads Department
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to consider closing a portion of Everly Road. In attendance for this session was Mr. Polce and Larry Lewis, General Roads Foreman, Accident Area. The petition requesting the closing on this road was read and reviewed. Courtney Engler, who resides on this County road and was one of the petitioners, was in attendance and offered public comments. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved action to close a section of this road.
5. In furtherance of the Public Hearing conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on January 29, 2002 and action taken by the Board to keep to record open for public comment for ten (10) days, the Board reviewed the recommendation of adoption of the Garrett County Building Code. A motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made

unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the adoption of the Code as proposed by the Department of Planning and Zoning with the modification that Section 1805.2.1 delete the four hundred (400) square feet or less exemption for structures requiring proper footings and foundations. The motion included an agreement by the Board to leave the permit exemption for accessory structures less than one hundred fifty (150) feet as outlined in Section 105.2#1.

6. Wendy Yoder, Director of Financial Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ∇ Estimation of revenue for Fiscal Year 2003 Operating and Capital Budget
 - ∇ A schedule of budget review meetings with the county administrator and Department of Financial Services accounting staff
 - ∇ Year to date revenue and expenditure reports to include a review of legal expenses incurred as a result of the law suit filed against the County by the Town of Oakland over the tax differential debate
7. URS, consultants for the Garrett County Airport expansion project were in attendance to update the Board of County Commissioners. An airport layout plan, draft environmental assessment, and current airport capital improvement plan were explained with a number of reports and schematics of the airport distributed. Copies are on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners.
8. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 5, 2002 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners had sent a letter to the Town of Oakland outlining an alternative to the request for property tax differential set-off to which the Town submitted a counterproposal. Each issue in the counterproposal from the Town was reviewed and it was agreed to respond directly to the Town on each issue. The Board directed Mr. Getty to draft a letter to the Town stating the position of the County on each issue. A copy of the action taken by the Board is on file with Mr. Pagenhardt.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, voted to not approve a request from the Board of Trustees of the Ruth Enlow Library to amend Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Budget. A letter from Cathy Ashby, Director of the Library was read by Mr. Pagenhardt explaining the need for this request. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the Board of Trustees of this decision of the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg entered a motion to appoint Michael Miller to the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Commissioner Beitzel. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. Miller under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman

Gregg, appointed Gene Flinn to the Garrett County Board of Education Advisory Committee on Education. This appointment will replace Mr. Pagenhardt whose two (2) year term has expired.

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved two (2) requests for real estate abatement for Backbone Housing, Inc. and Accident Community Housing Corporation. The Board will send a letter to each organization indicating this action.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of award for a one (1) ton truck (#02-0205T) to Oakview Motors. The Procurement Office will follow-up on finalizing this award and purchase.
6. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

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

Date

