

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 5, 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 agenda for March 5, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 26, 2002, Executive Session of February 26, 2002, and Administrative Session for February 28, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, proclaimed March 2002 as "Purchasing Month in Garrett County". A number of governmental procurement professionals were in attendance for this recognition.
4. The Board of County Commissioners called to order a public hearing on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee that is required as part of the application process for Community Development Block Grant funding to include the Community Legacy and Micro Enterprises Programs. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, directed Community Action President Duane Yoder to schedule another public hearing due to the fact that the public announcement required that the completed application be available for review. It was not at the time of this scheduled public hearing.
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 an amendment to the Weatherization Grant Agreement sponsored by Garrett County Community Action Committee and executed between the Board of County Commissioners and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. This amendment as approved will increase the grant by \$203,944 and extend the terms through June 30, 2003.
6. The Board of County Commissioners issued a letter of support under the signature of Chairman Gregg to the "Win-Win for Maryland" State fiber resource sharing proposal that was presented by the Sailor Network to the State of Maryland House of Delegates. Frank Shap, County Informational Technology Coordinator presented an overview of

the program as proposed that included using plans to create data communications infrastructure within Garrett County. Mr. Shap presented a report that specifically outlines the proposal, which is on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development.

7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved manufacturers personal property tax credits for Garrett Containers for an investment of equipment in tax years 1999 and 2000.
8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to send a letter of commitment to the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund (MEDAF) that will recapitalize the Garrett County Revolving Loan Fund through the Garrett County Development Corporation with \$250,000 from the State and a commitment/match of \$125,000 from the County.
9. The Board of Trustees from the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County presented their operating and capital budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 to the Board of Garrett County Commissioners. There was discussion on the plans for the new Grantsville Branch, employee salary and benefit levels, and a historical comparison of County funding to the Library over the past four (4) fiscal years. This request for funding will be included in the comprehensive budget process for all County departments and agencies.
10. The Board of County Commissioners appeared before the March term of the Grand Jury.
11. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening for site improvement to the proposed Grantsville Roads Department Garage Site (bid #02-0305). Chairman Gregg directed that all bids received be reviewed and that a recommendation of award be presented as soon as possible by the Procurement Office.
12. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of award for excess property on Marsh Hill Road, parcel 3 (bid #02-0226) to DC Development, LLC. Commissioner Beitzel voted in opposition to the recommendation award.
13. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 26, 2002 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board had met with Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development and a prospective company interested in locating in Garrett County. The discussion and content of this session will remain confidential.
14. 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 address the property tax differential issue pertaining to the Town of Oakland with Gorman Getty, County Attorney and Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department Financial Services. The same motion moved back to public session.

15. Commissioner Beitzel, who was not in attendance when the Board of County Commissioners officially reduced the personal property tax percentage to fifty percent (50%), stated that he was in full support for this action. Commissioner Beitzel reinforced his position to systematically eliminate this tax.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Chairman Gregg executed on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners a award and acceptance for the YS/Garrett/Planning/6 Grant between Garrett Partnership for Children and Families, Inc. and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. This grant is for \$10,000 and does not require a local match.
2. The Board of County Commissioners directed a letter to the State Highway Administration indicating that the County will be the authority for plan approval for the segment of the sidewalk project outside of the Town of Mountain Lake Park and within County jurisdiction. The letter also indicated that the Board would adopt a sidewalk ordinance for the sidewalk project.
3. The Board of County Commissioners executed a petition for the approved Garrett Community College ADA/Air Conditioning capital project that is required to receive a State of Maryland match. The expenditure of these funds in Fiscal Year 2003 was part of a five (5) year project.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Cynthia Lynch to the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, directed the Department of Economic Development to proceed with the grant application with Rural Development for funding assistance to be directed to the agriculture marketing program and specifically funding for the position of agricultural marketing specialist.
6. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.
7. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt attended the Mayor and Town Council of Loch Lynn town meeting at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

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

Date