

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 18, 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 three (3) additions and no deletions to the agenda for June 18, 2002. The Procurement Office is prepared to submit five (5) recommendations of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners; the Department of Economic Development has requested final closeout documents be executed by Chairman Gregg for the Community Development Block Grant – Savage River Bridge; and residents from Brant Road had requested time to meet with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss problems with corrective action taken by the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. with the Meadow Mountain Sewer Project.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of June 11, 2002 and Executive Session of June 11, 2002 were read and approved on motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Minutes of the Administrative Session of June 13, 2002 were read, amended, and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on a number of departmental issues to include the following:
 - ∇ Status of preparing request for proposals for management services at the Garrett County Airport.
 - ∇ Discussion on expansion plans at the Airport as it relates to adjacent property owners
 - ∇ Expansion of the Weber Solid Waste Collection Site
 - ∇ Discussion on property insurance costs for governmental facilities as a result of the 9-11 terrorist attacks
 - ∇ Other areas of responsibility
4. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed final closeout documentation for the Community Development Block Grant – Savage River Bridge project (MD 97-F1-41). This project had been completed in prior fiscal years and the Garrett County Roads Department through Dwight Emory, County Engineer had completed all reimbursement requirements.

5. The Board of County Commissioners approved an application for manufacturers personal property tax credit for L. Gregory and Sons, Inc. on a motion by Commissioner Holliday. Commissioner Beitzel seconded the motion with a condition that a waiver/abatement of all penalties and interest be granted. This was agreed to and the motion as discussed and amended was made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
6. Residents from Brant Road in the Deep Creek Lake area met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their strong displeasure with the Garrett County Sanitary District over the Meadow Mountain Sewer Project. A number of issues were brought before the Board by spokesperson Elaina Evans who had been directed to the Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting by Senator John Hafer. The residents dissatisfaction and anger was a result of utility lines being cut; damage to existing drain fields and septic systems; property and yards, and other issues pertaining to work in progress or completed by the District and their approved contractor. Ms. Evans noted that she had promised a local Boy Scout troop permission to use her property for a July 4 camp location and that her residence was now full of septic refuse as result of the construction of the new sewer line. Repeated telephone calls to the District Office had not been answered and avenues of attention had not produced an acceptable solution. Commissioner Beitzel recommended that all effected residents who had an issue with the project to file a formal complaint with the District. Staff personnel with the District were in attendance.
7. Garrett County Sheriff Richard Sanders and Susan Athey-Oxford, President of the Partnership for Children and Families presented an overview of "Project HomeSafe". This project is a nationwide program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and its state and community partners that help ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage. A number of children from the Overlook Child Development Center were also in attendance.
8. Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department of Financial Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on a number of issues to include the following:
 - ∇ Plans to begin the annual financial audit
 - ∇ A brief estimate of year to date revenue and expenditures
 - ∇ Process of issuing real property tax bills
 - ∇ A review of trailer park tax due from Steven Fratz. Based on information presented by Ms. Yoder relating to the past due taxes from this owner, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to waive all penalties and interest with the condition that all past due and current taxes are paid.
 - ∇ Other issues related to this department were addressed
9. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for the following:
 - ∇ Tires (bid #02-0618)
 - ∇ Tri-axle dump truck (bid #02-0618T)
 - ∇ Crew cab pick-up (bid #02-0618C)
 - ∇ Vehicles (bid #02-0618V)

All bids received will be reviewed by the Procurement Office prior an official recommendation of award to the Board of County Commissioners as soon as feasible.

10. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the following recommendation of bid awards:

- ∇ Computer and copy paper (bid #02-0604P) to Savin Corporation
- ∇ Fuel (bid #02-0521F) to Oakland Oil Company
- ∇ Motor oil (bid #02-0521) to American AGIP Company, Inc. and Tri County Petroleum, Inc.
- ∇ Culvert Pipe (bid #02-0507C) to Chemung Supply Company and Garrett Mine Supply
- ∇ Chain and auger (bid #02-0514CA) to Chemung Supply Company and Garrett Mine Supply

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commission Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, re-appointed Charles McCrobie to the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Board. The term for this member had ended on June 9, 2002 along with the term of Wayne Harman. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. McCrobie under the signature of Chairman Gregg. The Board will consider an official reappointment of Mr. Harman on June 20, 2002.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed an official letter from the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland that would extend the time period to provide pension benefits to County employees in the Employees Contributory Pension System. The Board had taken official action in Fiscal Year 2000 to not participate in this retirement option. 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 not participate in this plan and continue to enroll all eligible employees in the existing plan.
3. Chairman Gregg executed the Emergency and Transitional Housing and Services Grant on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. This grant is administered by Garrett County Community Action Committee.
4. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for June 11, 2002 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 Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Commissioner Beitzel, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address personnel and employee benefit issues. The same motion moved back to public session.

Captain Paul Pratt and Sergeant Michael Bittinger of the Garrett County Sheriff's Department had requested time with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the recent policy change for retiree health care. Also in attendance were Major Gary Berkebile, Chief Deputy, Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department of Financial Services, and Jeanie Hetrick, Human Resources Associate. Years of service for law enforcement personnel as written in the Garrett County Law Enforcement Officers Pensions System, which is based on a twenty-five years of service, credited military service, and transfer of service from other governmental

jurisdictions were discussed. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt will take this discussion under advisement.

5. 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

