

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**JULY 9, 2002**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg  
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 July 9, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 2, 2002 and Executive Session of July 2, 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, met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide an update of the following issues:
  - ∇ Bituminous paving schedule
  - ∇ Status of replacement of Accident Bear Creek Bridge
  - ∇ Notification to the Board that the dry hydrant requested by the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department was installed
  - ∇ Project update of tar and chip and road conversion
  - ∇ Roadside mowing schedule
  - ∇ Other departmental issues and questions
4. Sheriff Richard Sanders and Chief Deputy Gary Berkebile met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide an update of the following issues:
  - ∇ Deaf driver identification program
  - ∇ Status of filing department position vacancies (deputy)
  - ∇ Planned meeting with Carter Gobel, Detention Center consultant
  - ∇ Report Grantsville Days and Town of Accident 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration pertaining to law enforcement activity
  - ∇ Capital project report including purchase of vehicles
5. 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 economic development and personnel issues. The same motion moved back to public session.
6. Residents of Windy Lane met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their opinion and displeasure with the issues of annexation and public water and sewer.

Town of Oakland Mayor Asa McCain and Rodney Glotfelty, County Health Officer were in attendance. After a lengthy discussion that included conflicting historical information, the Board requested that Mr. Glotfelty work with the residents and other responsible agencies to explore possible funding options that will provide these services. Commissioner Beitzel suggested to the residents that annexation with the Town of Oakland would provide water and sewer service in the most expeditious way.

7. Mr. Glotfelty and Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss leasing the GW Plaza to Washington County Mental Health Agency (WCMHA) and/or reserving a portion of the building for the proposed Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Mr. Mullich informed the Board that WCMHA was looking for a one (1) year lease agreement with the County, which would allow for usage of a FQHC if approved. Mr. Mullich will also look at actual square footage needed for both organizations that will allow for potential long term rental options.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for July 2, 2002 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed applications received for the vacant position of Supervisor of Assessment for Garrett County. It is the requirement of the Board to submit five (5) candidates to be considered for appointment by the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation. The Board did select the required five (5) names, which Mr. Pagenhardt will forward to the State. Notification will also be sent to each individual whose name was submitted.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, granted a real property tax abatement for property owned by Garrett County Memorial Hospital. These properties are either unoccupied at this time or are leased to a non-profit organization. Mr. Pagenhardt will respond to the Hospital to indicate this action taken by the Board.
3. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed all documentation for the grant application from the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$500,000 to be designated for the Garrett Trade Show/Enterprise Center.
4. 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, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date