

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 deletions or additions to the agenda for September 3, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 27, 2002 were read, amended, and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Executive Minutes for August 27, 2002 were read, amended, and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Administrative Minutes for August 29, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by 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, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal and personnel issues. The same motion moved back to public session.
4. Brad Frantz, Director of the Department of Economic Development briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - ∇ Introduction Walter Lee who was recently hired as an emergency dispatcher.
  - ∇ A review of monthly and quarterly 911 calls.
  - ∇ A review of Department of Juvenile Justice grant funds that will be used for the purchase of equipment.
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a press conference to announce their endorsement for a community athletic and recreation center as proposed by Garrett College. Dr. Stephen Herman, President of the College was in attendance for this session. The facility that will be owned and operated by Garrett College in conjunction with the Adventure Sports Center Institute. A press release was distributed to the media in attendance.

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 on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. for the Community Legacy Plan.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for August 27, 2002 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. James Waters, Community and Business Programs Director for the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development Administration (RDA) met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss a number of capital projects. In attendance were Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Meg Ellis, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development, and Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. The following projects were discussed by all those in attendance:
  - ∇ Exhibit Hall - Funding plans from the County, Appalachian Regional Commission, the State of Maryland, and other sources were reviewed. The Board spoke to Mr. Waters about potential grant funds from RDA. Mr. Yoder will meet with the Garrett County Fair Board in attempt to receive their input and move the project forward. The Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Economic Development will continue to focus on pushing this project forward.
  - ∇ Keyser's Ridge Sewer Project - Mr. Waters spoke about the number of requests for funding application for this project he had made to the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. Mr. Waters had corresponded with Mr. Hinebaugh who in turn informed the Board of County Commissioners that the District was had not submitted the required application for funding. Repeated correspondence with Ron Petrella, District Administrator, were not followed up on and RDA did not receive the funding application before the deadline for this round of funding had expired. At this time the County is actively making plans to develop the Keyser's Ridge Industrial Park and the availability of public water and sewer is imperative to the project. Mr. Waters indicated that there is a strong possibility that funding initially applied for by the Town of Frostburg could be shifted to the Keyser's Ridge Project. Mr. Hinebaugh will continue to work with RDA on this project.
  - ∇ Garrett County Sanitary Commission - The Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Pagenhardt, and Mr. Hinebaugh discussed the importance of moving all projects forward and it was the consensus to schedule a meeting with the Sanitary Commission to address this.
2. 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

