

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 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 December 10, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 3, 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 conducted bid awards for the following requests for proposals as presented by the Procurement Office:
 - Bond Counsel – Garrett County Memorial Hospital (RFP #02-1118).
The Board reviewed a recommendation of award for this service during the Public Meeting of December 3, 2002 with action taken to refer this through Mr. Pagenhardt and the Department of Financial Services to the county attorney to determine if this step in the financing of the project was required. Mr. Pagenhardt spoke with Gorman Getty, County Attorney who stated that this counsel would be required. The Hospital will be shifting short-term financing to a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan in three (3) years and bond counsel would be required for this. The County will then have no contingent liability for the loan after the three (3) year period. 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 recommendation of award to McKennon Shelton & Henn, LLP for \$21,500.
 - Garrett County Roads Department – Grantsville Garage (RFP #02-1031).
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 recommendation of award to Excel Contractors, Inc. for \$859,850.

4. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the issue of land-use compatibility as it pertains to the Garrett County Airport and the increased development in and around the Deep Creek Lake area. This issue has become more significant with the plan to expand the Airport. Mr. Mullich and Chairman Gregg, who is also a member of the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission, presented a number of documents that the Commission would like to present to the Garrett County Planning Commission for their review and input. The Board of County Commissioners agreed with the request and Mr. Pagenhardt will forward to the Planning Commission.
5. Mr. Mullich presented the Board of County Commissioners with the Garrett County Airport Layout Plan. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved Chairman Gregg to execute all documents.
6. The Garrett County Historical Society Board of Directors met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide their unreserved support for the restoration of the Third Street annex of the Garrett County Court House. The Society asked how their organization could assist in making the idea to restore this to the original setting when the County constructs a new detention center. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their appreciation for this offer.

Greig Johnson who was in attendance noted that he would support this concept if the Town of Oakland would enforce stricter signage control through their zoning ordinance. The Board noted that Mr. Johnson should communicate his opinion to the Mayor and Town Council.

Timothy Taylor, Community Development Manager with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Administration was in attendance and indicated that his organization may be able to provide rural opportunity grant funds to the project.

The Board of County Commissioners communicated their appreciation to all in attendance and the discussion will continue as the detention center project moves ahead.

7. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on a proposed text amendment to the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance as submitted by Umbel Enterprises. This amendment, as proposed, would add a new category to the Table of Use Regulations to provide the establishment of propane storage tanks as a primary use in Town Center Zoning District. John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning read a letter to the Board from the Garrett County Planning Commission recommending that the amendment be added to the Ordinance into the record. The

Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the amendment. Mr. Nelson prepared a resolution providing for the official amendment, which the Board executed.

8. James Murray, General Partner with Rodeheaver and Associates and County Auditor, presented a general overview of the financial condition of Garrett County Government for the period ending June 30, 2002. Mr. Murray concluded that the County was in solid financial condition and that there are strong management and fiscal controls in place. Copies of the comprehensive audit for the County and all component agencies are on file with the Department of Financial Services and the County Administrator.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a lease agreement between the County and Dr. Sotiere Savopoulos, MD for office space at the GW Plaza. Terms of the lease are in the lease agreement, which is on file with the Department of General Services.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on December 5, 2002 approved the personnel appointment of Michelle Dawson to the position of part-time custodian with the Department of General Services. This action is heretofore noted in these public meeting minutes. Mr. Pagenhardt will prepare an official letter of appointment and employment agreement.
3. 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, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date