

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2003**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg  
Commissioner David C. Beard  
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 was one (1) addition to the agenda for February 11, 2003. The Board of County Commissioners will address the issue of setting the personal property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2004 and take official action.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 4, 2003, Executive Session of February 4, 2003 and Administrative Session for February 6, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, took official action to modify the percentage of assessment under the provisions of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland under class (c), personal property subclass. This action will reduce the applicable tax by another twenty-five percent (25%) whereby the total percentage of assessment will be reduced to seventy-five percent (75%). The Board and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a resolution that will document this action. The tax rate will therefore be reduced by the said amount and will be reflected in the budget for fiscal year 2004.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with Fred Polce, General Superintendent and Dwight Emory, County Engineer with the Garrett County Roads Department to discuss a number of departmental issues. (Chairman Gregg was absent for a segment of this session). This update included the following:
  - Snow removal fiscal year to date. This included the total inches of snow received and the associated cost, to include labor, employee benefits, and operations.

- Merrill (Westernport/Savage River) Bridge project status
  - Right-of Way on Glendale for re-alignment.
  - Third Street Bridge in Oakland schedule for replacement. Mr. Emory explained the role that the County has taken and will take as a partner on this project.
  - Other public works matters
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services to discuss a number of departmental issues. This update, whereby a number of Department staff were in attendance, included the following:
- Demolition and corner stone issue with the old Board of Education building
  - An update of recycling programs and initiatives
  - Potential grant programs for recycling
  - Determination to sell refuse stickers at collection sites
  - Animal control update and draft of division policy and procedure manual
  - Notification of spay/neuter open house of February 27, 2003
  - Status of request for proposals for new detention center
  - Funding estimate/projection for detention center by County and State sources
  - Relocation of offices in Court House and air conditioning/fire suppression project
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, 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 with Gorman Getty, County Attorney. The same motion moved back to public session.
7. The Board of County Commissioners recognized the Garrett County Cancer Coalition for their efforts in public awareness in cancer screening promotion. Garrett County District Court Judge Ralph Burnett thanked all the volunteers who participated and contributed to the success over the past year.
8. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening for hydraulic truck conveyor (bid #03-0211). All bids received will be reviewed with the appropriate department and the Procurement Officer with a recommendation presented to the Board of County Commissioners.
9. Commissioners Beard and Holliday attended the National Agricultural Statistics Service ARMS III Workshop at the Wisp Conference Center. The Board welcomed those in attendance to the conference and to Garrett County. (Chairman Gregg did not attend this session).

10. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 4, 2003 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners had moved into Executive Session to discuss a number of personnel issues and policies concerns with Mr. Pagenhardt and Mr. Getty.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a release of mortgage for Youmans Enterprises, Inc.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Sandi Winters and Anna Mary Fratz to the Garrett County Health Planning Council. The same motion re-appointed Robin Bissell and Norman Bolding to the Council. Official letters of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to each member.
3. 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