

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 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 (Note: Public Meeting conducted on this date due to scheduled session for February 18, 2003 canceled because of snow emergency conditions)

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda for February 20, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 11, 2003 and Administrative Session for February 13, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners met with Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department of Financial Services to discuss a number of departmental issues. This update included the following:
 - Notification to the Board that highway user tax payment adjustment to all municipalities had been sent out. This payment was in furtherance of a determination by the Board as addressed in the February 13, 2003 meeting with all mayor and town councils.
 - The real property discount and administrative fee assessed was discussed.
 - Construction fund interest rate for the bond issue for Garrett County Memorial Hospital.
 - Collection of municipal real property taxes by the Tax Office.
 - Other financial issues.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning to discuss a number of departmental issues. This update included the following:

- Mr. Nelson reviewed the minutes of the ad-hoc committee appointed to address issues related to vacation rental homes.
 - Notification that surveying of property applications for the Rural Legacy Program is underway.
 - An interim report by the Task Force to study the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation was presented to the Board for comment.
 - The legal opinion issues by county attorney Gorman Getty pertaining to concentrated zoning at the Garrett County Airport will be reviewed by the Garrett County Planning Commission. The purpose of securing this legal opinion is to propose zoning provisions to allow for control of certain structures in a three (3) mile nautical radius of the Airport. The Planning Commission will review this issue prior to forwarding a recommendation of action to the Board of County Commissioners
 - Mr. Nelson reviewed suggested amendments to the County building permit process addressed by the sub-committee for building codes. The Department will forward a formal outline and recommendation of all items proposed to the Board.
 - A report showing calendar years 2001 and 2002 total permits and inspections was distributed. This report is on file with the Office of the County Commissioners or the Department of Planning and Zoning.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved and executed the following for the application by Garrett County Community Action Committee to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Mountain Village West:
- Letter of support
 - Resolution endorsing the Garrett County Community Action Committee Revitalization Plan and the Mountain Village West application
 - Real Property tax abatement for a three (3) year tax period
6. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening for prefabricated steel bridge (bid #03-0211B). The Board of County Commissioners, after a review by Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer and Dwight Emory, County Engineer, approved an award to U.S. Bridge in the amount of \$105,879 on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg. Commissioner Holliday was absent for this session.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation bid award for hydraulic truck conveyor (bid #03-0211) to H.T.C. Inc. in the amount \$27,200.00. Commissioner Holliday was absent for this session.
8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation bid award for proposal for

preparation of Solid Waste Management Plan (bid #03-0206) to SCS Engineers in the amount \$60,000. Commissioner Holliday was absent for this session.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to recommend Peggy Jamison to the Governor's Land Reclamation Committee.
2. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a request from the Garrett County Sanitary District to compensate current exempt employees for accrued compensatory hours. The County Human Resources Office processes the payroll for the District but does not maintain a record of the accrual of employee compensatory hours. A number of questions pertaining to this issue, including the payment of hours for the positions of administrator and engineer, positions not eligible under the Fair Labor Standards Act, were addressed. Mr. Pagenhardt suggested that the county attorney speak with legal counsel for the District on this issue, a proposition that the Board agreed with. It was the consensus of the Board, the Department of Financial Services, and Mr. Pagenhardt that a review of this request for payment be undertaken by the county attorney and county administrator to preclude any liability that this questionable payment may have to the County.
3. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.
4. Chairman Gregg, Commissioner Beard, and Mr. Pagenhardt attended the Friendsville Mayor and Town Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date