

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 4, 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 addition to the public agenda for March 4, 2003. David Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Garrett County had requested to meet with the Board to address the issue of additional office/storage space.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 25, 2003, Executive Session of February 25, 2003, and Administrative Session for February 27, 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 Sheriff Richard Sanders to discuss a number of departmental issues. This update included the following:
 - Public safety and law enforcement services during the most recent snow emergency conditions.
 - Capital equipment purchases to include one (1) new four-wheel drive sport utility vehicle.
 - Staffing in the Detention Center and employment/hiring of additional personnel.
 - Commentary and report to the March Term of the Grand Jury.
 - Other law enforcement issues.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met Mr. Martin who detailed the need for additional office/storage space for land records and other court records. Mr. Martin informed the Board that the Administrative Office of the Circuit Court of Maryland has indicated that there are funds available for relocation and renovation. The Board will take this issue under advisement.

5. The Board of County Commissioners attended the March Term of the Grand Jury.
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 financial and economic development issues. The same motion moved back to public session.
7. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 25, 2003 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 met with Brad Frantz, Director of the Department of Emergency Management and Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services to discuss the organizational reporting line for all animal control issues. The animal shelter and animal control responsibilities, for a number of years, have been a division of the Department of General Services. Mr. Pagenhardt, at the same time options were addressed and action was taken by the Board on the reorganization of the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling, had recommended that all animal control functions be transferred to the Department of Emergency Management. The Department of General Services and Mr. Mullich have been assigned a number of significant capital and operational projects, to include the airport expansion project, detention center, and most recently all solid waste and recycling responsibilities.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed with this recommendation of Mr. Pagenhardt. Mr. Mullich and Mr. Frantz will work together on the transition process for this administrative change.

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, appointed Patrick Kerr to the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Reverend Kerr under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved an appropriation of \$1,000 to the Grantsville Lions Club for the 26th Annual Grantsville Days celebration.
3. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed the Emergency Shelter (ETHS) Grant application on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee for fiscal year 2004 through 2006.

4. The Board of County Commissioner reviewed prior action taken by the County and also that of the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. related to the Keyser' Ridge Sanitary District. The Board conducted a public hearing on September 11, 2001 and the record was held open for two weeks to allow for public comment. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a resolution that amended the service area for the Keyser's Ridge Sanitary District. This action had been until this date.

5. 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

