

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 3, 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 public agenda for June 3, 2003. Eric Tribbey had requested time with the Board to review information on proposed wind generating power facilities.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 27, 2003 and Administrative Session for May 29, 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 Procurement Office presented the following recommendations of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners:
 - Crushed stone aggregates (bid #03-0429S)
 - Tires (bid #03-0520)
 - Culvert pipe (bid #03-0520C)
 - Dismantling and removal of radio tower (bid #03-0520RT)

All recommendations of award were approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, declared a 1997 Jeep Cherokee as surplus and permitted the Procurement Office to accept sealed bids for sale.

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg,

adopted a resolution to increase the local charge as authorized by Maryland Law under Article 41-Title 18 for 911 fees from fifty cents (\$0.50) to seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per month.

5. Brad Frantz, Director of the Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - A planning grant in the amount of \$20,000 for equipment and training of personnel.
 - A meeting is scheduled with Allegany County and Washington County on ways to improve county-to-county telecommunications.
 - An application will be completed and submitted to fund an emergency management planner to compose a disaster mitigation plan for Garrett County.
 - There are grant monies available to purchase up to fifteen additional automated external defibrillators.
 - The hiring process is underway for a replacement animal control officer and an emergency dispatcher.
 - Year to date emergency calls are over 10,000, which are projected to make calendar year 2003 a record year. The notation of this justifies the additional personnel hired over the past three fiscal years.

6. Mr. Tribbey met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss wind-generating turbines in Garrett County. Mr. Tribbey informed the Board that there are currently three appeals filed with the State of Maryland Public Service Commission. Mr. Tribbey also voiced his opinion that the construction and placement of these turbines are in conflict with the Garrett County Development Plan and the County Heritage Plan. Mr. Tribbey presented the Board with a draft letter to be sent to the Public Service Commission requesting that further review be undertaken prior to final approval to proceed. The Board will take the issue of sending such a letter to Commission under advisement. Russell Bounds and Jon Boone also voiced their opinions on the wind generating matter with their opinions to include a potential devaluation of real property values and a danger to migrating birds.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and other matters with the Board of County Commissioners.

2. Mr. Pagenhardt informed the Board of County Commissioners of a request for approval he had received from Superintendent of Schools Wendell Teets that the County consider funding law enforcement personnel in the public schools through the COPS grant program. Mr. Pagenhardt had reviewed this matter prior to this session with Sheriff Richard Sanders who was under the opinion that the budget for his department did not include these positions. It was the general opinion of the Board and Sheriff Sanders to not participate in this program due to the timing of the request and also the additional

costs associated with the provision of a vehicle, training funds, and uniform allowances. Mr. Pagenhardt will convey this to Dr. Teets.

3. Mark Tonkovich, Director of the Department of Public presented the Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt with a proposal to amend the existing policy as it relates to equivalent residential units for all sanitary districts. The Board reviewed in detail each recommendation and directed Mr. Tonkovich to present each issue to the Public Utilities Advisory Committee for their commentary. This directive included a time period of thirty (30) days for the Advisory Committee process to be completed and presented again to the Board of County Commissioners.
4. Mr. Pagenhardt presented a request for consent from the State Highway Administration to allow representatives to conduct an environmental study on County property as it relates to the US219 Study. The properties included in the study are the current and proposed sites of the Grantsville Area Road Garage. The Board agreed to allow this study to be completed. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the State of this action.
5. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a legal services agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Gorman Getty, County Attorney as it relates to the approval from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the United States Department of Agriculture for purpose of construction and erection of a trade center/exhibit hall.
6. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services and Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development met with the Board of County Commissioners to review the site evaluation criteria rankings received for the Garrett County Exhibit/Trade Center. Mr. Mullich spoke to each rating factor as it applied to each site. After deliberating on the matter, the following action was taken by the Board. There were issues that are unresolved at this time with the top three (3) sites that prohibit construction at this time. These sites and the issue disallowing construction are:
 - Recreational Industries, Inc. Adequate parking at the existing and adjoining site does not meet requirements.
 - John Goehringer Site is not currently in a priority funding area and does not have water and wastewater infrastructure
 - Mayor and Town Council of Oakland Due to the fact that the site is located within the Town of Mountain Lake Park and current zoning regulations do not permit this usage; an amendment to the Town's zoning ordinance is required.

Mr. Pagenhardt recommended that Mr. Mullich inform each of the entities of the process as it stands at this time and that action needs to be taken to meet the criteria to construct within a thirty (30) day time period. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

7. Chairman Gregg entered a motion to create a Garrett County Performing Arts Center Committee to explore the feasibility of seeking funding for the construction of such a facility. The motion did not pass due to the lack of second. Chairman Gregg will convey this to the parties who have expressed this interest and request to the Board of County Commissioners.
8. 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

