

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**AUGUST 5, 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 were no additions or deletions to the public agenda for August 5, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 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. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following topics:
  - The electronic recycling event held by the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling on August 2, 2003 collected 3.4 tons of recyclable waste
  - Other recycling issues
  - URS has been retained by the Department to complete an engineering scope of service and price proposal for the Garrett County Airport Expansion Project.
  - Linda Lindsey, Risk Manager, reviewed a final draft of the County Substance Abuse Policy.
  - The process is underway to determine accurate boundaries for the former Garrett County Board of Education Administrative Building.
  - Inclusion of volunteer fire and rescue personnel in County workers compensation plan. (No decision was determined on this).
  - Department staff conducted a site visit to the McKenzie property adjacent to the Deep Creek Lions Club Park.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, adopted and executed a Resolution that enacted text amendments to the Deep Creek

Watershed Zoning Ordinance. Each amendment to the Ordinance is specifically outlined in the Resolution and will become effective on this date.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, introduced on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Beard, to direct the county attorney and county administrator to proceed with developing a County Rental Permitting Policy. The Department of Planning and Zoning will assist with the document with a recommendation to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners as soon as feasible.
6. Board of Directors and staff from Garrett County Lighthouse, Inc. briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of mental health matters to include:
  - Overview of services provided
  - Budgetary reductions from the State of Maryland
  - A need for services in the Grantsville area
  - A request that the Board of County Commissioners consider donating surplus vehicles to their office. The Board will take this request under advisement.
  - A strong concern that their office had received no support from Mountain Top Mental Health Associates, Inc. as the core service agency for mental health services.
  - A request for funding assistance for operational expenses
7. In furtherance of comments and opinions by representatives of Garrett County Lighthouse, the Board of County Commissioners directed Mr. Pagenhardt to meet and confer with County Health Officer Rodney Glotfelty and to schedule a session with Mountain Top Mental Health Associates to address financial, service, and other matters to include the option to place Mountain Top Mental Health Associates, serving as the core service agency for mental health service, under the authority of the Garrett County Health Department.
8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, 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 personnel matters with Rodney Glotfelty, County Health Officer. The same motion moved back into Public Session.
9. Mark Tonkovich, Director, Department of Public Utilities, updated the Board of County Commissioners on the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Mr. Tonkovich presented the Board and Mr. Pagenhardt with a summary of all phases of the project. The Board commended Mr. Tonkovich for the necessary attention to this project and other water and wastewater requirements.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, at the suggestion of Commissioner Holliday, agreed to send a letter of support to the NRVISTA Committee for their efforts to implement a corridor management plan for the National Road Scenic Byway Program and plans to renovate and revitalize the former Grantsville Library into a museum for local history.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Garrett County Fair Board.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation by Mr. Pagenhardt to create the position of agriculture marketing specialist into the Classified Service. Cheryl DeBerry is currently in this capacity, appointed under the terms and conditions of a contractual employment agreement and she will be placed within the Classified Service as a result of the action by the Board. Mr. Pagenhardt will determine the applicable pay grade and annual compensation.
5. In furtherance of action taken by the Board of County Commissioners to purchase property east of Oakland on Route 135, action was taken to discontinue negotiations with GE Enterprises for consideration of constructing a new detention center. This action was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Mr. Mullich will convey this to the property owner through the assigned real estate agent.
6. Mr. Mullich also notified the Board of County Commissioners on the delinquent hotel/rental payment for Town Motel. Legal action will be taken to assure of the collection of this tax.
7. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning reviewed a draft of the scope of work for the Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis with the Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt. Mr. Nelson had solicited and received suggested comments from the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association on this issue. Changes to the draft were made and Mr. Nelson will work with the Procurement Office to select a consultant.
8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg,

approved an appropriation of \$38,000 for the engineering determination of depth and location of water lines for the Northern Garrett Industrial Park Water System. County Attorney Gorman Getty had recommended that this work be completed in furtherance of continuing legal action against DT Construction.

9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a right-of-entry between the County and Keystone Lime Company, Inc.
10. The Board of County Commissioners executed assignment of purchase agreements between the County and Robert A. Oester and Aquilla M. Oester and the County and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Foundation. The execution of these agreements is in furtherance of plans to develop the Interstate 68 Industrial Park Complex.
11. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

**By Order of the Board,**

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date