

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 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 two additions and no deletions to the public agenda for September 16, 2003. First of all, a session will be held with Sheriff Richard Sanders and Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services to discuss site location options for the new detention center. Also, County resident John Cobb would like to present a petition to the Board of County Commissioners requesting inclusion into the Deep Creek Sanitary District.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of September 9, 2003 and Supplementary Administrative Minutes of September 12, 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, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, issued a Proclamation designating the week of September 17 to 23, 2003 as "Constitution Week".
4. 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 "Resolution in Support of Public School Law Concerning the Storage and Display of Tobacco Products".
5. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental matters:

- Update on the Garrett County Airport for capital purchases eligible for Maryland Aviation Administrative funding, runway extension timetable/planning, and property buyout appraisals.
  - The drainage issue on the Joseph McKenzie property has been corrected.
  - The Garrett County Supervisors of Elections will move to the Garrett County Public Service Center on September 23 and 24.
  - Plans are underway to relocate the Department of Public Utilities offices to the Public Service Center also.
  - Renovations will be started for the Circuit Court after the Board of Elections move is completed.
  - Status report by Mr. Mullich and Mr. Pagenhardt to relocate the Department of Financial Services and Human Resource Office to the office space currently leased by the Department of Juvenile Services.
  - Solid Waste and Recycling issues included updates on the Weber Collection Site expansion, plastic recycling, and sediment pond compliance testing.
  - Appraisals have been completed on the Marvin Warnick residence, a process approved for potential buyout to allow for road and storm water improvements. The Board will secure the opinion and recommendation of the Roads Department prior to action.
  - The County will close on the purchase of the Sanders property on Maryland Route 135.
  - All environmental concerns addressed by Wilfred Hebdon will be finalized after the Department has received questions answered by the Maryland Department of the Environment.
6. Brad Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
- Update of countywide emergency preparedness for pending tropical storm Isabel.
  - Proposal from the Maryland Institute of Emergency Management Services System (MIEMSS) to cover the expense to construct a communications tower on the site of the new Grantsville Roads Garage. A tower is required at this site for County and the proposal by MIEMSS communications will permit all County equipment to be located on the same tower. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed with the proposal which will require a public hearing to meet all federal communication requirements.
7. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
- Update on the financial audit for Fiscal Year 2003.
  - Banking services requests for proposals have been advertised.
  - Computer maintenance/ consulting services have been advertised.

- A recommendation by Ms. Yoder and Mr. Pagenhardt to implement credit card payment for real property and possibly other tax payments was reviewed. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved this recommendation. The Department will continue to proceed with consolidating water and sewer service collection.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Prior to the opening of the Public Session, the Board of County Commissioners met with Fred Polce, General Superintendent, Garrett County Roads Department and Dwight Emory, County Engineer, to review the bridge inspection report for Savage River Bridge and Oakland Rosedale Bridge. It was the recommendation of Mr. Emory that both County bridges be closed, a recommendation that the Board concurred with. Public notification was directed to all media sources.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with Sheriff Sanders and Mr. Mullich to discuss a possible location of the new detention center in furtherance of the sale of the GEE Enterprises, Inc. location having been purchased by another buyer. The feasibility of constructing the facility on the site currently occupied by the Garrett County Roads Department was the focus point of discussion. This location, which is within the municipal boundary of the Town of Oakland, would require a special zoning exception. Based on this fact, the Board will meet with the Mayor and Town Council on September 18 to seek an opinion on pursuing this site.
3. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed two (2) resolutions in support of funding through the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development for the Trade/Enterprise Center.
4. John Cobb presented the Board of County Commissioners with a petition and letter from a number of residents requesting to be included in the Deep Creek Lake Sanitary District. These documents will be reviewed by the Department of Public Utilities with a recommendation of proceeding to be presented to the Board.
5. The Board of County Commissioners and Department of Public Utilities staff met with principals and representatives from Deep Creek Mountain Resort at their request to discuss proposed inclusion in the Deep Creek Lake Sanitary District and the cost of connecting to public water and wastewater services. It was requested that the Board defer any official action on amending the boundaries of this district until a cost comparison estimate could be completed that would determine the feasibility of connecting to the public water versus that of incorporating properties into privately operated systems. The Board agreed to wait until September 30 to proceed with any action on including addition properties into the District.

6. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.

**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

