

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 agenda for September 30, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of September 23, 2003, Executive Session for September 18, 2003, and Executive Session of September 23, 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, executed a proclamation designating October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for September. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Department of Social Services
Department of Planning and Zoning
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Garrett College
Western Maryland Consortium
Mountain Top Mental Health Associates
The Dove Center
Department of Emergency Management
Department of Financial Services
Garrett County Health Department

Office of the State's Attorney
Garrett County Roads Department
Garrett County Health Department
Garrett County Community Action Committee
Western Maryland Consortium

- 4 Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. met with the Board of County Commissioners to request a real property tax abatement extension for Cassel Ridge Development for tax years 2004, 2005, and 2006. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this request for extension. Mr. Pagenhardt will send official notice of this action by the Board to Community Action.
- 5 Representatives from State of Maryland Highway Administration and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the US 219 Improvement Project. This capital partnership will connect this corridor from the Meyersdale, Pennsylvania exchange to Interstate 68. The Board expressed their appreciation to both departments for the information provided.
- 6 The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to consider the replacement and relocation of a communication tower at the site of the new Grantsville Roads Department Facility. The tower, tower foundation, equipment building, and associated hardware will be provided and installed under an existing contract through the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Systems. The new tower will greatly improve communication capabilities within Garrett County to include public safety, public works, inter-agency and inter-jurisdictional mutual aid, and future communication requirements. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, directed the Department of Emergency Management to facilitate proceeding with this project.
- 7 Ken Wishnick, representing Umbel Enterprises, Inc. met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that site distance improvements to the intersection US 219 and Pysell Road be included in the list of projects with the State Highway Administration for Fiscal Year 2004. This matter had been previously declined by the State Highway Administration at the local District and also reviewed by the Garrett County Traffic Advisory Committee. Mr. Wishnick informed the Board that Umbel Enterprises would complete this work to State Highway specifications at their expense. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to endorse this recommendation.

- 8 The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of public hearings scheduled and conducted to receive comment on August 19, 2003, September 9, 2003, and September 23, 2003 took the following executive action as follows:
- ⇒ Amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan. The Board on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this amendment.
 - ⇒ Amendment to the Deep Creek Sanitary District Boundary. The Board on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this amendment.
- 9 Resident John Cobb presented the Board of County Commissioners with additional names to be added to a petition requesting public water and sewer services. Mr. Cobb was informed that the Department of Public Utilities would initiate the public notice and public hearing requirements to include the petitioned section in the Deep Creek Sanitary District.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg executed change order/amendment #4 to the Deep Creek Conveyance and Collection System Project.
3. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed grant agreement MAA-GR-04-013 between the Maryland Aviation Administration and the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of designing the extension of Runway 8/26 and acquiring land for Runway Protection Zones at the Garrett County Airport.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, directed the Department of General Services to proceed with the purchase of property owned by Marvin Warnick. The acquisition of this parcel will allow for the construction of a replacement bridge that would require this right-of-way.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Troy Ellington as alternate to the Garrett County Planning Commission. An official letter of appointment specifying the terms of this appointment will be sent to Mr. Ellington under the signature of Chairman Gregg.

6. 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

