

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 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 and no deletions to the Public Meeting of December 23, 2003. Mr. Pagenhardt and the selection/interview committee will present a recommendation of employment appointment for the position of coordinator of information systems management to the Board.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 16, 2003 and Administrative Session of December 19, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Sheriff Richard Sanders and senior Sheriff's Department staff briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ⇒ Detention Center population is forty-four (44) inmates at this time.
 - ⇒ Sheriff Sanders complimented the Board and Mr. Pagenhardt on the recent news article in the *Baltimore Sun*.
 - ⇒ Update of hiring of qualified patrol and correction personnel. Sheriff Sanders indicated that this is a direct result of the increase in base salary and the enhanced law enforcement pension plan.
 - ⇒ Brief discussion on the location and site plan for the new Detention Center.
 - ⇒ Discussion of the SALT cell phone program.
 - ⇒ Review of correction officers training at the Allegany County Academy
 - ⇒ Detention Center Standards Audit determined all areas of review are either in compliance or have been addressed and will be corrected in required time.
 - ⇒ The usage of the transport van, which has segregated sections for inmates, is working very well.

- ⇒ Sheriff Sanders announced that Cynthia Smith has been appointed to the position of Community Service Coordinator. Ms. Smith, will retire from her position with the Maryland State Police, and begin her employment with the Department on January 1, 2004.
4. The Microenterprise Council of Maryland made a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on a grant to create an e-commerce website to promote the work and visibility of Appalachian artisans in Garrett County. Representatives from a number of partners in the grant were in attendance to include Frostburg State University and Garrett County Community Action Committee.
 5. There were no bids received by the Procurement Office for Excess Property for Sale (bid #03-1223), the prior site of the Garrett County Board of Education Administrative Building. The Board of County Commissioners will defer any action on this issue at this time. Further discussion with the Department of General Services will be scheduled.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed Order and Petition to close a portion of Ardsley Farm Road. There was no public comment on this closure and the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the Petition as prepared by County Attorney Gorman Getty.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, agreed to expand the membership number of the Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis Task Force from seven (7) to nine (9) by adding two (2) additional at-large positions. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to this motion.

Further action was taken on the Task Force to complete the membership:

- ⇒ Commissioner Beard, in furtherance of additional names submitted, made a motion to appoint Hugh Umbel as the representative from the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Chairman Gregg and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
- ⇒ Chairman Gregg entered a motion to appoint Zachary Taylor as the representative from the vacation rental sector, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Beard. Commissioner Holliday abstained from the vote due to the fact that the Chamber of Commerce, who had been requested to and did not

- submit additional names for this representation. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
- ⇒ After further discussion on membership, Commissioner Beard made a motion to modify the prior motion to increase the Task Force membership to ten (10) members. Chairman Gregg seconded the motion, which carried. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to the motion.
 - ⇒ Commissioner Holliday entered a motion to appoint Carl Roberts to the Task Force as a member at large, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Commissioner Beard entered a motion to appoint William Savage to the Task Force as a member at large, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Chairman Gregg entered a motion to appoint Grieg Johnson to the Task Force as a member at large, which was seconded by Chairman Beard, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.

The Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis Task Force consists of the following members:

William Weissgerber	Garrett County Board of Realtors
Zachary Taylor	Vacation Rental Sector
Troy Ellington	Garrett County Planning Commission
Fred Thayer	Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association
Hugh Umbel	Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
Grieg Johnson	Member at large
Carl Roberts	Member at large
Louise Conjura	Member at large
William Savage	Member at large
Richard Devlin	Member at large

3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Wayne Wilt to the Garrett County Government Ethics Commission. An official letter of appointment will be sent under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
4. Mr. Pagenhardt presented a recommendation of appointment of Nathaniel Watkins to the position of coordinator of information systems management. Also in attendance to support the recommendation and provide an overview of position responsibilities were selection committee members Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; and Scott Weeks, Senior Accountant, Department of Financial Services. The Board of County Commissioners, on

a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Mr. Watkins to this position. Mr. Pagenhardt will prepare an official letter of appointment and employment agreement that will outline all terms and conditions of employment.

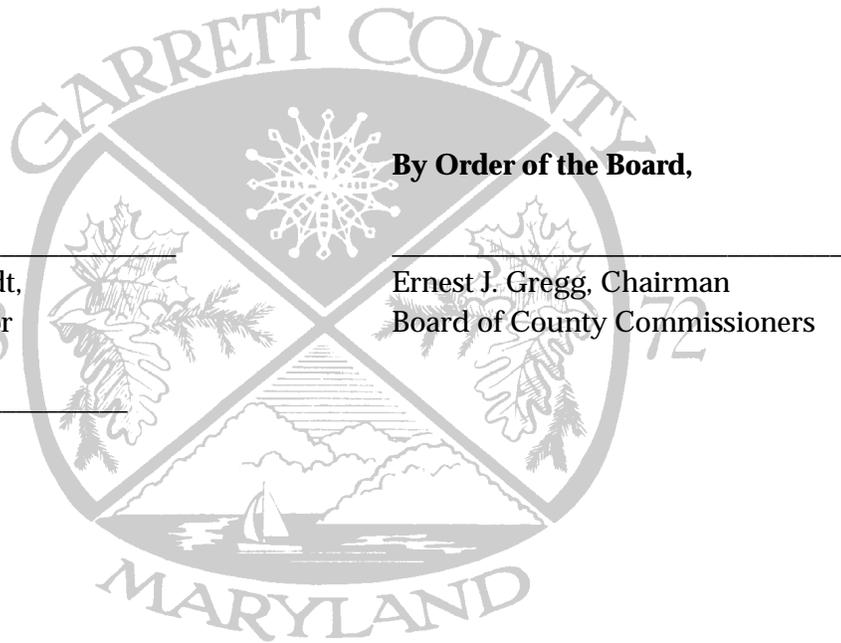
- Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an Assignment of Purchase Agreement between the Board and Maryland Economic Development Corporation that will continue the option to purchase real estate from Thomas W. Menges.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date



By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners