

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2004

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 Meeting of February 3, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 27, 2004 and Administrative Session of January 29, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ⇒ Informational hearing for Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Task Force is rescheduled for March 1, 2004 and session with the Board will be held on March 2, 2004.
 - ⇒ Clearinghouse review process for Garrett County Comprehensive Plan is now digitized and available for use.
 - ⇒ Mr. Nelson attended a meeting with the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland pertaining to zoning enforcement matters to include the former site of the Board of Education.
 - ⇒ Update on grant funded process to connect all applicable departments to an online countywide permitting program. Working with the County Computer Information Technology Management Division of the Department of General Services on this project.
 - ⇒ Status of Rural Legacy Program Application for Fiscal Year 2004.
 - ⇒ Report showing total building permits and inspections for Calendar Year 2003.
 - ⇒ Briefing to the Board on scheduled session on this date pertaining to a request for zoning land reclassification by the Town of Oakland.
4. Sheriff Sanders briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:

- ⇒ Departmental issues and incidents related to the inclement weather.
 - ⇒ Detention Center security matters to include repair of locked doors.
 - ⇒ Juvenile Detention transportation compliance with the State of Maryland.
 - ⇒ Briefing on the presence of heroin in the County and law enforcement plans to address enforcement.
 - ⇒ Preliminary budget planning for Fiscal Year 2005 has begun.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of a Public Hearing on January 27, 2004 on proposed amendments to the Garrett County Animal Control Ordinance, took the following executive action. The Ordinance was approved as recommended by the Animal Advisory Commission and Garrett County staff on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. The provisions of the Ordinance will become effective on this date.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of a request for zoning classification waiver and annexation of parcels by the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland, conducted this session to review this matter and make a determination. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning presented a summary of the request by the Town. Town of Mountain Lake Park Council members were also in attendance for this session. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved the waiver. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to the motion vote based on his opinion that the annexation would create pockets and land locked sectors.
 7. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt and Department of Financial Services staff reviewed the current policy for travel and allowable expense. The policy that was originally adopted in 1997 will be revised and updated prior to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt and Department of Financial Services staff presented the Board of County Commissioners with the estimated revenue reduction for percentage elimination of the personal property tax for Fiscal Year 2005. Notification to the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation must be made by March 1, 2004 if the Board intends to change the current of seventy-five percent (75%). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to reduce the tax to one hundred percent (100%). This motion will totally eliminate the personal property tax for Fiscal Year 2005.

A resolution will be executed on February 5, 2004 and notification will be made to the Department of Assessment and Taxation at that time.

4. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a revised property deed with respect to the Grantsville Library whereby the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County ("the Grantor") transferred the property to the Town of Grantsville ("the Grantee").
5. 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 County Roads Department property (aluminum bed for Freightliner truck) surplus. The Procurement Office will be responsible for disposing of this property.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of prior action taken to consolidate Mountain Top Mental Health Associates (the designated core service agency for mental health services for Garrett County) into the Garrett County Health Department, executed Articles of Voluntary Dissolution to be effective July 1, 2004. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board, also signed a letter to the State of Maryland Mental Health Administration requesting a dual designation of the Health Department and Mountain Top Mental Health Associates no later than May 1, 2004 with the Health Department assuming sole designated authority on July 1, 2004. This process would assure of the continuation of all grant funded programs in place for Fiscal Year 2004.
7. The Board of County Commissioners and Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services reviewed possible language for legislative authority to allow/permit gaming. County Attorney Gorman Getty is in the process of preparing draft enabling legislation for the Board to review and approve.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date