

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 2, 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 March 2, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 24, 2004 and Administrative Session of February 26, 2004 were read, amended, 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 issued a proclamation designating March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month".
4. The Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation designating March as "National Nutrition Month".
5. The Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation designating March as "Garrett County Social Work Month".
6. Mark Tonkovich, Director, Department of Public Utilities and Project Engineering staff presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following updates:
 - ⇒ Overview of Fiscal Year 2003 Financial Audit
 - ⇒ Request for execution of a resolution for intent for reimbursement for Deep Lake Wastewater Treatment Plan. Signed by Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Request for execution of a resolution for intent for reimbursement for construction and design of the Force Main and Pump Station for the Deep Creek Lake Western Sanitary District. Signed by Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Department project update, funding/estimated cost, and completion schedule
 - ⇒ Pump station odor control prevention

- ⇒ Deep Creek collection and conveyance status
 - ⇒ Rate study and schedule of session with the Board on March 9
7. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services presented the Board of County Commissioners on the following updates:
- ⇒ Presentation of pieces of the “State of Maryland Wye Oak Tree” and discussion on what to do with this and where to locate. Decision will be determined.
 - ⇒ Changes on countywide internet access has been changed to DSL service which will be cost effective and a better quality service
 - ⇒ Department of Public Utilities move to the Public Service Center will include an 895 telephone number for better constituency service
 - ⇒ Employee random drug testing with the Department Division of Risk Management status and summary since the origination of the program. Evaluation of potential testing alternative involving the use of hair as opposed to urine specimen.
 - ⇒ Negotiation of purchase of Warnick property in the Jennings area is ongoing. The Board requested that Mr. Mullich establish a deadline to settle this matter with the property owner.
 - ⇒ Landfill issues included an update of the Weber Collection Site and the purchase/acquisition of five (5) additional collection units and replacement of stationary compactor in Fiscal Year 2004
 - ⇒ Relocation of Department of Financial Services and Office of Human Resources into the space currently occupied by the Department of Juvenile Services Status and planning of Public Works Facility
8. Commissioner Holliday, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), presented a summary of the State of Maryland 2004 General Assembly Session.
9. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening for the construction of McHenry Area Access Roads for the Department of Public Utilities (bid #04-0302). All bids received will be reviewed and presented for a recommendation of award as soon as practical.
10. Presentation and Overview of the Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Study by John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning and ERM and Growth Management, consultants for the study. A public hearing was conducted on March 1, 2004 on this matter that was attended by approximately one hundred persons. An appointed task force will work with the Department and consultant on this process. This session included a time schedule and plan of initiation. The appointed Task Force will be the informational conduit to the general public on the status and development of interest.
11. The Mayor and Town Council of Oakland and Dwight Emory, County Engineer updated the Board of County Commissioners on the status of the Oakland Third Street Bridge. The most important point of discussion was the cost of securing construction

easements and funding for right-of-way. Mr. Emory recommended that local funds be used for these purposes, which will allow Federal Bridge Funds to be directed to the actual construction. Mr. Pagenhardt asked if the Town would consider providing funding for the acquisition of the right-of-way. Mayor McCain indicated that the Town would appropriate funding for this. Based on this decision by the Town, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, took action to provide County funds up to but not to exceed \$50,000 for the project. The total project will include funding from CSX, the Federal Bridge Funds, the County and the Town. The County and Town financial commitment will comprise the required local percentage.

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 by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday approved an appropriation of funds in Fiscal Year 2005 to the Northern Garrett High School band boosters and the Southern Garrett High School band boosters in the amount of \$5,000 to be designated/restricted for the purchase of uniforms.
3. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a lease purchase agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Mt. Top Granite and Marble, LLC. This agreement outlined all terms of the purchase of a building in the Southern Garrett Industrial Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date