

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 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 October 26, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 19, 2004 and Executive Session of October 19, 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 updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Reminder that November 8 is a scheduled meeting date to review the draft plan and recommendation for the Deep Creek Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis. This meeting will be held at The Lodge at Wisp Resort at 7:00 PM.
 - b) A review of the proposed realignment of Glendale Road. The Board had been presented with a suggestion from property owners to consider changing preliminary plans that will preserve a number of trees and vegetation. Mr. Nelson suggested that Mr. Pagenhardt communicate with the county attorney to proceed with final condemnation proceedings for three (3) properties. Also, the engineering consultant will be asked to evaluate standards for the turning radius on the section of the road where the affected trees are located.
 - c) Update and review of planned location of wind turbines throughout Garrett County for three (3) wind generating companies (US Windforce, Clipper

Windpower, and Synergics). Review of specific sections of the Garrett County Heritage Plan, Development Plan, and Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and how planned construction of wind turbines applies to these documents. There are no direct policy provisions for the location of wind generating turbines in Garrett County. Mr. Nelson requested guidance from the Board on amending all Plans to set policy limitations or restrictions on this issue. The Board will take this matter under advisement and directed Mr. Nelson to provide suggested language for each Plan.

- d) A report of building permit and inspection activity as of the end of the third quarter calendar 2004 was presented for discussion. It was noted that forty-eight percent (48%) of countywide activity is in the Deep Creek Lake area and fifty-two percent (52%) was in the remaining sectors of the County.
4. Sheriff Richard Sanders updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Announcement that Wilma Sanders, who is a cook in the Detention Center, will be retiring from service after eighteen (18) years of service with County Government.
 - b) Review of total fuel cost for Department Fiscal Year-to-date as compared to 2003 and 2004.
 - c) Review of special weapons training recently completed for all patrol personnel.
 - d) Garrett Bureau of Investigation incident/status report.
 - e) Brief discussion on plans for new Detention Center. A review with potential architectural and engineering consultants is scheduled for October 28 and 29.
 5. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to review and receive commentary to consider proposed annexation of specific areas into the Deep Creek Lake Sewer Sanitary District. Described as Area #1 are Paradise Acres Subdivision, Blakeslee Subdivision, Four Hoophole South, Rothers Point Subdivision, Penn Point Road, Penn Oaks Subdivision, and Penn Point. Described as Area #2 are specific properties adjacent to the Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Board will take this issue under advisement and hold the public commentary period open for an additional period of time to evaluate total estimated cost and the appropriate construction schedule.
 7. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for October 19, 2004 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. In attendance for this session were Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; Gary

Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; and Meg Ellis, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development. The discussion was scheduled to update the Board of County Commissioners on the status of the Exhibit/Trade Center and specifically to receive guidance regarding a number of funding and construction options. Mr. Hinebaugh distributed detailed site cost and square footage estimates for discussion. The main issue requiring a determination by the Board is that the approved budget, including funding from ARC, DBED, State General Bond, and County is \$3,300,000. Funding at this level will provide an access road connecting Route 219, do site preparation work, and result in a 9,800 square foot building. Several options to increase the square footage of the Center to 20,000 were presented to the Board for consideration. The Board directed Mr. Hinebaugh and Mr. Mullich to prepare a detailed cost estimate that would allow for the 20,000 square foot building to provide access from Route 219 in Fiscal Year 2005 or defer until 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg executed a Reimbursement, Construction and Ownership Agreement between Texas Eastern Transmission, LP and the Board of Garrett County Commissioners. (This agreement is required to allow for the runway extension project at the Garrett County Airport).
3. The Board of County Commissioners met with local businessperson Roger Ruff to preliminarily discuss possible legislation for the 2005 Maryland General Assembly on the issue of gaming.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with a number of local developers and members of the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association to listen to their concerns with proposed County policy on the reservation of sewer capacity at the Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Board will take the issues of sale of wastewater capacity and uniform ad valorem tax under advisement and meet on October 28 to further address these matters. Mr. Pagenhardt noted that the Board needs to determine a direction of approval in a timely manner to plan for a number of projects and to establish ad valorem tax rates for all Sanitary Districts for Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners