

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2006

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners met with James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to address and review plans for development and funding for the Broadford Business Park. The Board agreed to proceed with requesting grant funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission. Chairman Gregg executed a letter of support, an application for federal assistance, and a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Board. Mr. Hinebaugh presented an estimated phase one budget for the project that was taken under advisement and review.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development to review final recommendations for the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis Study. Comments from the Planning Commission were also reviewed.
3. The Board of County Commissioners met with representatives from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System to discuss the recent Strengths, Weaknesses, Operations, and Threats (SWOT) review conducted by County fire and rescue associations. Dr. Richard Alcorta, State of Maryland EMS Medical Director presented an overview of the plan. The Board agreed to schedule a public session to formally present the proposal, which has the concurrence and recommendation of local fire and rescue associations.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the Public Agenda for January 24, 2006 and also noted issues to be addressed during Administrative Session.

2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 17, 2006 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 conducted a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed Garrett County Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan. The purpose of the Plan was outlined in the public notice placed in *The Republican* newspaper. A review of the draft Plan by Redmond Johnson and Associates, the consultant employed by the Board for the purpose of compiling information for the Plan, was presented. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, closed the Public Hearing. The Board decided to keep the public commentary period open for a period of seven (7) days. An announcement will be made as to a date for final approval.
4. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant 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 presented a recommendation of employment for William Browning to the position of Maintenance Worker II with the Garrett County Department of General Services. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this appointment. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter to Mr. Browning outlining all terms and conditions of employment.
3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request from the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department to increase the major prize limit under the provisions of County Gaming Regulations from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services was in attendance and informed the Board that through legislation, the Board can determine to impose a limit or not. The Board agreed to delete the \$5,000 and replace with a provision that would not have a maximum value. Mr. Mullich also requested that legislation be added to the current gaming law that would establish an age limit minimum of eighteen (18) years of age. The Board also agreed to add this provision of age requirement.
4. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a waiver of local preference for Phase II Contract for the

Runway 8-25 Extension Project. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to the motion. (A memorandum from Brian Bowers, Purchasing Agent dated January 20, 2006 outlines this subject).

5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Salem Children's Trust in which an additional \$100,000 is requested from County Government for the Salem School Project in Fiscal Year 2007 and that the Board endorsement support for State of Maryland funding.
6. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and Garrett County Community Action Committee, executed a grant application to the State of Maryland Department of Human Resources for the Emergency and Transitional Housing Program in the amount of \$22,336.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, reappointed Margaret Jamison to the Bureau of Mines Reclamation Committee. An official letter of recommendation will be sent to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
8. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a claim for damages filed with Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) by Allen Wilhelm for damage to a corncrib on his property as a result of work being completed by the County Roads Department. LGIT previously suggested that Mr. Wilhelm file a claim with his homeowner's insurance carrier due to the fact that he would have replacement value in the alleged loss and the fact that LGIT could only compensate for actual cash/depreciated value. Mr. Wilhelm did file a claim with his carrier and the replacement cost was determined to be \$3,000. LGIT reviewed the basis used by the adjuster and decided to offer Mr. Wilhelm \$1,700 (the depreciated value) to settle. Mr. Pagenhardt recommended that the Board settle for this amount with the condition that LGIT inform Mr. Wilhelm that this was the final settlement. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed with this recommendation for settlement.
9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to allow the State of Maryland Community Development Administration to use available bond proceeds (referred to as "On Behalf Of" allocation) for single family new construction outside of a priority funding area.
10. The Board of County Commissioners continued the administrative session discussion on the review final recommendations for the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis Study.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date