

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 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

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were two additions and no deletions to the Public Agenda for October 31, 2006. Roger Brant, representing Taylor Companies Flight Department, requested time with the Board to discuss matters related to the Garrett County Airport and resident Gary Tinsley requested time to discuss Town of Mountain Lake Park annexation issues.
2. Minutes of the Administrative Session of October 24, 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 the monthly department head staff meeting. In attendance were representatives from the following departments, agencies, and offices:
 - a) Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
 - b) Garrett County Extension Service
 - c) Garrett County Community Action Committee
 - d) Department of Public Utilities
 - e) Department of Economic Development
 - f) Department of Emergency Management
 - g) Department of Financial Services
 - h) Department of General Services
 - i) Health Department
 - j) Roads Department
 - k) Municipal Circuit Rider – County Mayors’ Association
 - l) Department of Planning and Land Development

4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. to review Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program applications for the following projects. Duane Yoder, President, Community Action, presented an overview of funding requests and project descriptions.
 - a) Transit Facility (Secretary's discretionary funds)
 - b) Adventure Sports Center (Economic Development funds with conditions related to job creation)
 - c) Municipal Codes Program (Secretary's discretionary funds)

Mr. Yoder recommended that the Board approve grant funding for the Transit Facility and Adventure Sports Center and postpone a request for grant funds for the Municipal Codes Program at this time. Commissioner Holliday commented that he had received comments from Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department as to qualifying criteria for Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, closed the Public Hearing. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the execution of Resolutions that authorized and empowered the submission of funding applications for the Transit Facility and Adventure Sports Center.

5. Mr. Tinsley and other residents met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their opinion on annexation plans for the Town of Mountain Lake Park. The issue presented during this public commentary was that during a recent public hearing conducted by the Mayor and Town Council, the hearing was not conducted (under the opinion of Mr. Tinsley) with the provisions of annexation law and violations of the law occurred by not providing a plan for review. Commissioner Beard suggested that these residents direct their concerns to the State's Attorney. Mr. Tinsley agreed to pursue this avenue of appeal. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development was in attendance and explained the role of the County in any municipal annexation process.
6. The Purchasing Department presented a bid recommendation for Single-Axel Dump Trucks (bid #06-1012DT). The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award to Freightliner of Hagerstown for a price per truck of \$121,092.00, total cost of \$484,368.00 with a recommendation to waive the exception within the specifications for brake cams and chambers on forward side of drive axel with auxiliary support brackets.

7. Kathy Schrock, who had previously met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the issue of homeless persons in Garrett County, updated the Board on this matter. In attendance for this session were representatives from Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. and the Garrett County Health Department. Ms. Schrock notified the Board of her intention to apply for grant funds to create a soup kitchen.
8. Ann Sherrard and Willie Lantz representing the Garrett County Extension Service met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide an update on the gypsy moth suppression and funding. Also in attendance for this session were members of the Garrett County Forest Association. It was determined that any funding request from the State of Maryland needs to be preceded by a survey that will assign explicit funding. The Extension Service will initiate and heighten the public awareness campaign on this matter.
9. Mr. Brant met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss recent determinations made by the County in furtherance of request for proposals for Corporate Hangar Land Leases solicited by the County. Proposals were requested from interested parties for the long-term lease of land at the Garrett County Airport to allow for the construction and operation of corporate hangars. In attendance for this session was Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services. Taylor Companies proposed to construct and operate a modern hangar designed to accommodate the expansion of the Airport. (Mr. Brant distributed a summary of the proposal to the Board). Mr. Mullich has advised and the Board had approved the rejection of proposal with a recommendation that the County construct the hangars or renegotiate with Taylor Companies as the only entity to submit a proposal.

The Board took this matter under advisement with Mr. Mullich and determined to not approve the proposal as presented by Mr. Brant. Mr. Mullich will respond on behalf of the Board and convey the position that the County is open to further negotiate the points in Taylor Companies' proposal.

10. 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. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a designation of \$6,000 to be used for the Garrett County Health Planning Council for Mobilizing Action Through Partnership and Planning (MAPP). These funds will come from the Health Department Reconciliation Funds for Fiscal Year 2006 (\$188,266.29) presented to the Board on this date and which the balance will be directed to the long-term debt of the Garrett County Health Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date