

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 27, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg

Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty

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 Agenda for March 27, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 20, 2007 and Executive Session Minutes of March 20, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted their 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 Board of Election Supervisors*
 - c) *Department of Financial Services*
 - d) *Department of Economic Development*
 - e) *Department of Emergency Management*
 - f) *Health Department*
 - g) *Chamber of Commerce*
 - h) *Roads Department*
 - i) *Dove Center*
 - j) *Office of State's Attorney*
 - k) *Department of Planning and Land Development*
 - l) *Department of Social Services*
 - m) *Department of General Services*

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. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services reviewed appraisals and negotiation status for properties to be considered for economic development and industrial park expansion as it pertains to the Keysers Ridge Water System. The Board agreed to an offer for purchase with certain conditions and options that will remain confidential until closing approval by all parties.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Mr. Hinebaugh met with the Board of County Commissioners to review a number of economic development and business prospect issues.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with Town of Oakland Mayor Asa McCain; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; and James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to discuss the Oakland Bypass issue. Opponents of the project have requested a session on April 12, 2007. The Board and the Mayor and Town Council again reinforced unanimous support for the project and will convey this opinion at the April 12 meeting.
5. Mr. Pagenhardt and Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services reviewed the current agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families whereby the County provides financial management. It was recommended to the Board that based on increased financial requirements with the Department of Financial Services that the agreement be terminated. Commissioner Glotfelty entered a motion to terminate the current memorandum of understanding between the Board of County Commissioners and Local Management Board of the Partnership effectively June 30, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holliday and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Discussion also included the possibility of incorporating the Partnership as a County department under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. This matter will be taken under advisement.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

Application for Exemption Disabled Veterans for Merle K. Turney, Jr. for Garrett County real property taxes paid retroactive for the past three years for Fiscal Years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption to the admissions and amusement tax for the Maryland Forests Association for the Western Maryland Loggers and Forestry Day and Equipment Show.
8. The Board of County Commissioners discussed their opinions on a continuation of appearing before the Grand Jury. This matter will be taken under advisement with Mr. Pagenhardt and the County Attorney.
9. The Board of County Commissioners met with partners/parties representing The Inn at Point View who requested time to provide an update on development plans for this commercial business expansion project. Prior meetings were conducted with County staff (Roads Department, Planning and Land Development , Department of Financial Services, and County Administrator) to review the various aspects and amenities of the project. The Board of County Commissioners endorsed the project concept to include the legal petition for closing and abandonment of portions of Deep Creek Drive.
10. Chairman Gregg and Commissioner Holliday met with senior staff personnel from the Departments of Public Utilities, Economic Development, General Services, and Financial Services to discuss transfer of funds between Garrett County Government and the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. for the purpose of purchase of the White Face Farm. Commissioner Glotfelty, at the advice of County Attorney Gorman Getty dismissed himself from this session due possible conflict of interest. It is the intention of the Board to develop this property as a business and technology park. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, agreed to the assessed value of the property (\$1,309,900) as the amount of fund transfer.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date