

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 6, 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 Property Owners Association of Deep Creek Lake, Inc. announced to the Board of County Commissioners that it has made a gift of over \$20,000 to the Garrett County Sheriff's Office that will be used to fund the purchase of 16 life-saving Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AED) for Department patrol vehicles. The gift was made as a tribute in memory of POA past Association President Judge Frederick A. Thayer, III. In attendance for this session were Sheriff Gary Berkebile and Deputy John Frank. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to fund the maintenance expenses associated with the AED Units with procurement of the units to be made through the County Purchasing Department.
4. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following departmental matters:
 - a) County Airport Expansion Project is near total completion.
 - b) Public Works Facility project update to include Department of Public Utilities warehouse.

- c) County Landfill discharge permit renewal process has met all Maryland Department of the Environment requirements.
 - d) Update on wind generating turbines whereby access road will be constructed for turbines located on Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. property.
 - e) Other departmental issues.
5. H.A.R.T. for Animals presented an update of this organization and plans for an Adoption Center Project that will be funded through grants, fund raising, and endowments. Coordination with P.A.W.S. and the Garrett County Humane Society is underway as part of construction plans for the Adoption Center Project. The organization requested assistance from the Board for a site in the center sector of the County to locate the proposed Center. The Board will take this matter under advisement and consideration.
 6. Public Commentary. None on this date.
 7. 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 and Mr. Pagenhardt met with James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development and Meg Ellis, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development to discuss a request by Beitzel Corporation to purchase land from ClosetMaid Corporation. Consistent with the terms of Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions, the Board approved the proposed conveyance of approximately 2.633 acres from ClosetMaid Corporation to Beitzel Corporation.
3. Mr. Hinebaugh briefed the Board of County Commissioners on property tax exemption issues specifically related to proposed legislation by the Maryland General Assembly. Further discussion to include dialog with the Maryland Association of Counties will be instigated.
4. Mr. Hinebaugh; Ms. Ellis; Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities; Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; and Richard Shoemaker, Superintendent, Department of Public Utilities met to discuss a final decision regarding access to and the development of a well field in Savage River Forest

Puzzely Run. The County requires a supplemental water source for the Keyser's Ridge Business and Technology Park and Northern Garrett Water System, which is also a requirement of the Maryland Department of the Environment. Purchase of a specific site has other ancillary benefits to include highway access. Specific direction to Mr. Mullich to negotiate purchase of property was given by the majority of the Board, which will remain confidential until final negotiations and agreement is executed.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date