

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
May 4, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty

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 agenda for May 4, 2010. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date to include a review of Program Open Space projects and discussion on the State of Maryland Consolidated Transportation Plan.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 27, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating May as "Military Service Personnel Support Month" and encouraged all citizens to recognize the contribution and achievements of local military service personnel.
4. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - a) Update on recent mercury contamination incident at Southern Garrett High School.
 - b) May 3, 2010 hazardous material vehicle accident on Interstate 68.
 - c) The statewide emergency management directors conference that will include a demonstration by Mr. Frantz on emergency shelter preparedness exercise conducted by the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management and Department of Social Services.
 - d) Update and review of Emergency Services Club activities for the past school year.

e) Other departmental issues

5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a *Public Hearing* to receive commentary on behalf of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. to hear and review plans for applications which the Board proposes to submit to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding through the Community Block Grant Program.
 - a) Funding for the Construction of a facility to house an emergency domestic violence shelter, administrative offices, and counseling offices for the Dove Center in Oakland. (This project will be classified as a municipal project under the Town of Oakland).
 - b) Funding for second phase of the River Hill Complex -Liberty Mews, an affordable lease purchase townhouse project in Oakland. (This project will be classified as a county project under Garrett County Government).
 - c) Funding for infrastructure development for Hopeland Village, a project of Habitat for Humanity located east of Mountain Lake Park.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, closed the public hearing and approved all applications for funding as presented and the Board will execute all documentation.

6. The Department of Planning and Land Development presented an update on Parcel Mapping.
7. Public Commentary. None on this date.
8. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
9. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Braskey and Chip Price, State of Maryland Department Natural Resources and John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development to review Program Open Space project funding issues. The Department of Natural Resources informed the Board that the State of Maryland approved funding in excess of available funding for the next three (3) fiscal year encumbered apportionment. For Garrett County, this calculates to \$83,868 short of \$576,556 in encumbered project balance. It was reported that in Fiscal Year 2013 the Program Open Space funds will be balanced and State bond funds will be paid off (in Fiscal Year 2010, 2011, and 2012), therefore allowing for reimbursement of approved project expenditures.

10. The Board of County Commissioners met with Senator George Edwards; Delegate Wendell Beitzel; Mr. Nelson; and James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to discuss transportation and highway issues. This session, suggested/coordinated by the Department of Economic Development, was scheduled at the recommendation of a work group comprised of representatives from The Greater Cumberland Committee (TGCC), Garrett County, Allegany County, Somerset (Pennsylvania), and Mineral County (West Virginia), who were tasked with identifying certain segments of the North/South Corridor as priorities for federal, state, and county funding in the Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Mr. Hinebaugh presented the following: It was suggested by TGCC that Garrett County designate its section of the Corridor (Route 219 North from Interstate 68) as the priority in the Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). (It was stated that Garrett County's present priority is the Route 219 Realignment – Oakland Bypass which has been deferred for construction by the State of Maryland).

Commentary was presented by the Mayor and City Council of Oakland, the Garrett County Development Corporation, Senator Edwards, and Delegate Beitzel.

The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, agreed to the proposal of support as presented which would designate the Route 219 North from Interstate 68 section as the preferred transportation project. It was the opinion of the Board that Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland need to display a consolidated position and Garrett County Government needs to be on board with these state governments. This opinion would be conveyed to TGCC and the State Highway Administration.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Prior to the call to order of the public meeting, the Board of County Commissioners and staff from the County Roads Department met with Howard Davis, a resident of Chestnut Grove Road who requested time to voice his opinion on snow removal and bus turnaround issues at his residence. County Roads Department and Board of Education Transportation Department staffs were in attendance and all issues presented will be taken under advisement.
2. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Resolution authorizing submission of an amended application for acceptance of a grant from the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development in the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of developing the Trade Enterprise Center/Exhibit Hall and authorizing the County to regrant the funds to the Garrett County Agricultural Fair, Inc. for the purpose of developing the Trade Enterprise Center/Exhibit Hall Project and authorizing execution and delivery of a grant and regrant agreement.

3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date