

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
March 8, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Gregan T. Crawford
Commissioner Robert G. Gatto
Commissioner James M. Raley

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 there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for March 8, 2011. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gatto, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2011. (Commissioner Raley was not in attendance for this segment of the Public Meeting Agenda)
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the quarterly department head staff meeting. The following departments and agencies were in attendance:
 - a) Department of Public Utilities
 - b) Department of General Services
 - c) Garrett College
 - d) Department of Planning and Land Development
 - e) County Roads Department
 - f) County Health Department
 - g) County Extension
 - h) Sheriff Rob Corley
 - i) Dove Center
 - j) Garrett County Board of Education
 - k) Garrett County Community Action Committee
 - l) Partnership for Children and Families
 - m) Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
 - n) Chamber of Commerce
 - o) Department of Economic Development
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gatto, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, authorized Chairman Crawford and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a Resolution designating May 6, 2011 at 10:00 as the date and time for the Fiscal Year 2011 Real Property Tax Sale.

5. The Garrett County Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners conducted a *Public Hearing* to receive public commentary on proposed amendments to the Garrett County Comprehensive Plan to recognize ridge tops as Sensitive Areas in need of protection and recommend a framework for regulatory control of ridge top development. Planning Commission Chairman Troy Ellington called the hearing to order and explained the guidelines and protocol that all commentary would be required to pertain to and be directly relevant solely to the amendments specified in the public hearing notice. These sections of the Comprehensive Plan are 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4. Public commentary was received by a number of persons.

Chairman Ellington closed the *Public Hearing* and determined to keep the public commentary period open for a 2 week period.

6. The Garrett County Humane Society, HART, and PAWS met with the Board of County Commissioners to provide an overview of their respective animal advocacy organizations. Discussion was focused on animal adoption programs, spay/neuter clinics, capital fundraising efforts for the HART Animal Adoption Center, animal neglect calls, donation of funds to the community, and other issues. The Board expressed their appreciation and gratitude to all of these volunteers.
7. The Board of Trustees of the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County presented their Fiscal Year 2012 Budget request to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board will take this request for funding appropriation under advisement as part of the comprehensive budget review and approval process.
8. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
9. Public Commentary. None on this date.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative correspondence and other matters with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners was asked to approve the execution of a Resolution that would amend Resolution 2005-31 that established standards to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on certain public property under certain circumstances. Provisions of the prior Resolutions that were executed and included in the Resolution requested on this date read that *"On property that is owned by the County but that is managed and/or operated by another entity under a written agreement with the County, alcoholic beverages may be consumed and/or sold at the discretion of the entity managing the property, and only to the extent allowed by and in accordance with the provisions of Maryland law; On property designated by the County Resolutions that is owned directly by the County, alcoholic beverages may be consumed and/or sold only with the permission of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland, and only to the extent allowed by and in accordance with the provisions of Maryland Law."* (The County property that will be used is Center Street Property and Garrett County

Community Action Committee, Inc. is the entity requesting the amendment. The planned event is a benefit dinner). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Crawford, approved the execution of the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Gatto voted in opposition to the motion.

3. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services, reviewed a request for abatement/waiver of past due business property tax for ProCom. Ms. Yoder reviewed the history of the tax filing process. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, approved the abatement/waiver based on accurate filing and classification.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Gregan T. Crawford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date