

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**  
**July 31, 2012**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

1. The Board of County Commissioners was asked to recognize Les and Sandy Denton and Lillian Steele who recently received the Paul Zumwalt Award for Maryland's Highest Point - Hoye Crest. Garrett County Historical Society President Robert Boal presented the certificates to the recipients.
  
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with County Government Senior Management (County Administrator's Advisory Board). The Board reviewed priority issues, stated their vision for the short and long term, and listened to commentary from staff in attendance. These are the focus points of discussion as presented by the Board with feedback from staff:
  - a) The expansion of broadband service countywide
  - b) Appropriation of increased revenue from the hotel rental tax
  - c) Deep Creek Lake to include environmental and regulatory matters
  - d) Trails and improvement to this throughout the County
  - e) Zoning Ordinance to included land use management, regulations through legislation for wind energy development
  - f) Appreciation to County staff for their involvement on various committees and commissions
  - g) Budget and legislative action by the State and General Assembly that has prohibited growth and the delivery of public services to County residents, visitors, and property owners,
  - h) LEAN initiatives and ideas.
  - i) ASCI and Deep Creek 2014 update. The availability and use of water from Deep Creek Lake.
  - j) North South Corridor and the role the County and The Greater Cumberland Committee role in moving this project forward.
  - k) Garrett County Appreciation Day on August 11 at the County Airport.
  - l) Additional discussion on long term budget projections and note that the County has no debt service obligations.
  - m) Community Athletic and Recreation Complex.
  - n) Note that the Board will be promoting the positive to the public and engaging as many people as possible in the decision making process.
  - o) Branding study and ways to expand and improve the County.
  - p) Plans and ongoing discussion on increasing population and strategic growth in the County. Plans for infrastructure and affordable housing were noted as being mandatory.

Chairman Raley asked the staff in attendance to forward their comments and thoughts on this session to Mr. Pagenhardt and if they would like to continue other sessions to include a possible informal session. Each staff leader was asked and answered what they are working on at this time and how they will accomplish this.

Chairman Raley, Commissioner Crawford, and Commissioner Gatto expressed their appreciation to everyone in attendance and all County Government employees.

3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed potential appointment candidates for the Board of Education member vacancy. The Board will announce this appointment on August 7, 2012.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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James M. Raley, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date