

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
January 14, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative, personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners. No official action was taken by the Board at this time.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the existing entrance and grading/stormwater permit fees. In attendance for this session was John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; James Torrington, Division Chief, Division of Permits and Inspections, Department of Planning and Land Development; Jay Moyer, Director, Department of Public Works; and Michael Koch, Director, Department of Economic Development. Discussion also included permit and impact fees which the County has the authority through enabling legislation to implement. Mr. Torrington was asked to prepare an amended fee schedule based on a number of criteria, comparison with other jurisdictions, and equity. The County Attorney will be asked to participate in this review.
3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the decision that the Board must finalize on the Amendment Petition submitted by William Meagher to amend the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance. In attendance for this session were Mr. Nelson and Mr. Koch. The Board will continue to take this matter under advisement and a follow-up session with the County Attorney will be scheduled.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session.
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Cindy Stone with the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to discuss Community Development Block Grant Programs and Projects. Also in attendance was Peggy Jamison, Community Action Committee; Frank Shap, Assistant Director, Department of Economic Development; Cynthia Sharon, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development; and Mr. Koch.
 - Adventure Sports Center International
 - Disaster Relief Funds Public Hearing scheduled for January 21, 2014
 - ClosetMaid Jobs agreement

- Other matters

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Additions/deletions to public meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were no additions and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2014. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Chairman Gatto, and made unanimous by Commissioner Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2014.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2013, Executive Session for December 17, 2013, and Executive Session Minutes for January 9, 2014.
3. The Board of County Commissioners provided an update of the boards, committees, and commission meetings they have attended and participated in since the last public meeting.
4. Pursuant to the public meeting review of 2014 legislative issues with Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel on December 17, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners issued an official position as follows:
 - Garrett County Liquor Control Board. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Raley, agreed to support this request for legislation as follows. Chairman Gatto voted in opposition. There was discussion prior to the call for a vote.
 - 4-203. Remove obsolete statute
 - 8-212. Refillable container
 - 8-807. Beer Festival
 - 11-512. Referendum Vote – On Premise
 - 11-512. Referendum Vote – Off Premise
 - Garrett Cooperative Ministry – Support for bond funds. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to support this request for legislation and executed letters of support to Senator Edwards and Delegate Beitzel.
 - Salary Commission Member. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to this request for legislation.
 - EZ Certification – Strata/DBED. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to support this request for legislation.

- SB 2 Garrett County – Industrial Wind Energy Conversion Systems – Setback Requirement. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to take no position on the request for an amendment for legislation from members of the public. There was discussion prior to the call for a vote.
- Western Maryland Water Resources and Fractured Rock. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, agreed to take no position on this request for legislation. There was discussion prior to the call for a vote.

5. Public Commentary.

- Debbe Owston, Garrett County Liquor Control Board. Sunday Off-Premise Alcohol Sales clarification and effective date if legislation is approved
 - Paul Durham on behalf of the Garrett County Board of Realtors. Local control that may be initiated relative to Senate Bill 2 – Garrett County – Industrial Wind Energy Conversion Systems- Setback Requirement
 - Nicole Christian, CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. Comments on the Garrett County Brand launch
 - Eric Robison. Fractured Rock Study proposed legislation and Senate Bill 2 amended legislation for 2014
6. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the Board’s meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming weeks.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, re-appointed Thomas Janes and Wayne Wilt to the Garrett County Ethics Commission. Official letters of appointment will be sent to both appointees under the signature of Chairman Gatto. The Board decided to solicit names for appointment to replace Member Sharon Kazary who has asked to not be re-appointed.
8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, re-appointed George Bishoff, Hoover Myers, Charles Mason, and Carl Bender to the Garrett County Ag Preservation Committee. The same motion appointed Paul Petersheim as Member and Gary Berkebile as Alternate Member. Official letters of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Gatto.
9. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for December 17, 2013 and January 9, 2014 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development and personnel matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session. There will be no public disclosure of these matters at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Robert G. Gatto, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners