

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2001**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Frederick A. Holliday
Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there was one (1) addition to the Public Session agenda for November 13, 2001.
 - ⇒ Donald Battista, CEO of Garrett County Memorial Hospital will present a letter of confirmation to secure financing for an expansion and renovation project.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 6, 2001, Executive Session of November 6, 2001, and Administrative Session of November 8, 2001 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday.
3. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for November 6, 2001 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.
 - ⇒ ClosetMaid, Inc. had contacted the Department of Economic Development on November 1, 2001 and stated that a decision had been made to delay construction of its Garrett County facility from the spring of 2002 until the fall of 2002. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development spoke with Columbia Gas on November 2, 2001 to discuss their utility work at the site and was informed that the County will incur some additional cost if a decision is made to delay/cancel the construction of this utility work to include a demobilization charge of about \$12,000 and about \$40,000 for the purchase of 6,500 feet of 8" pipe. The increase in cost to the project for delaying work until next year will be about \$58,000. The Board of County Commissioners decided to proceed with the balance of the work under the current schedule to assure the completion on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday.

- ⇒ The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a proposed self-funded pension plan for sworn police officers and correctional officers with the Garrett County Sheriff's Department. In attendance for this session were consultants with CBIZ who have been employed by the County to evaluate the economic stability and plan document provisions. A review committee consisting of CBIZ, Mr. Pagenhardt, County Human Resources staff, senior staff personnel with the Sheriff's Department, and a representative from First United Bank and Trust had developed this pension plan for consideration of approval, whereby all eligible employees would withdraw from the State of Maryland Pension System and enroll in a self funded plan. The Board of County Commissioners will take the plan under advisement.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department and Dwight Emory, County Engineer to review a number of issues as part of this departmental overview.
- ⇒ The main issue discussed was a petition submitted to the Board from D.C. Development, LLC who wish to convey Overlook Pass and a section of Wisp Mountain Road to the Board of County Commissioners as a public roadway of Garrett County. John Nelson, Director of the Department of County Commissioners was also in attendance to review this request. The Board directed Mr. Emory and Mr. Nelson to conduct and complete an official review of these roads to assure that each met the standards of compliance and specifications and advise.
- ⇒ Mr. Emory updated the Board of County Commissioners on the status of the Third Street Bridge in Oakland and other County bridge construction and replacement projects.
5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the letter of confirmation from Garrett County Memorial Hospital outlining a number of concerns with the proposed loan guarantee by the County for the planned expansion project. The Board will take this final request under advisement and take official action on November 15, 2001.
6. Members of the Garrett County Development Corporation presented the Board of County Commissioners with a review of the "Adventures in Progress" event that will be held in Annapolis on January 24 and 25, 2001. This theme will be the highlight of the 2002 PACE Reception sponsored by the Garrett County Development Corporation and the Greater Allegany County Business Foundation.
7. Jim Miller, an employee of the Garrett County Roads Department met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that three (3) personal leave days be reinstated to his leave balance. Mr. Miller had failed to use these days during Fiscal Year 2001 and County policy reads that employees are not permitted a carryover of this leave into the next fiscal year. Management at the Department

had denied his request of carryover based on prevailing County policy. Mr. Miller had also requested that Mr. Pagenhardt consider this request prior to meeting with the Board with the position taken that there was a policy in place that must be adhered to assure of consistent personnel practices. The Board agreed that this was a management decision and that all policies need to be followed.

8. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Frederick A. Holliday, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

