

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 27, 2003

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner David C. Beard
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday
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 that there were no additions or deletions to the agenda for May 27, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 20, 2003 and Administrative Session of May 22, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners presented Dennis Tressler, a senior student athlete at Southern Garrett High School with recognition as the Cumberland Time News Area Player of the Year and the Western Maryland Interscholastic League Player of the Year.
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for May. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
Department of Economic Development
Department of General Services
Department of Social Services
Department of Emergency Management
Garrett County Board of Education
Mountain Top Mental Health Associates
Garrett College
Department of Public Utilities
Department of Financial Services
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
Garrett County Health Department

5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing to obtain the view of citizens on Community Development and Housing Needs as presented by Garrett County Community Action Committee for proposals with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. Projects suggested include Crellin Community Center, First Time Homebuyers Program, Child Care, and Mountain Village Housing Project.

Information was available for review on the amount of CDBG funds expected; the range of activities that may be undertaken with funding; the estimated amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons; and proposed CDBG activities to result in the displacement and the unit of local government's anti-displacement and relocation plans as required.

Having received no comment, the public hearing was concluded by the Board of County Commissioners.

6. The session with Mark Tonkovich, Director of the Department of Public Utilities was not conducted as all issues were addressed as part of the staff meeting on this date.
7. Sull McCartney, representing the Youghiogheny River Water Association presented the Board of County Commissioners with an organizational overview and history of grants that the Association had received and projects that were completed. Mr. McCartney requested that the Board be included under County liability insurance coverage. The Board directed Mr. Pagenhardt to review this request with the county attorney prior to any decision or action.
8. The Board of County Commissioners met with the Board of Election Supervisors to review the issue of office relocation. Answers to a number of questions were provided by Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services and Mr. Pagenhardt. Plans are to relocate this office in July to the GW Plaza.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an option to purchase real estate between the Board (buyer) and Thomas Menges (seller).
2. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed a certification for contract between the County and Rural Development Administration to administer funding for the Garrett County Exhibit/Trade Center.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from Garrett College President Stephen Herman pertaining to the approved appropriation of funding for Fiscal Year 2004. The College

indicated that it could fund \$150,000 of the approved appropriation through the operating budget. Dr. Herman presented options to retain the funds, of which the Board agreed to allow the College to retain the funds and establish the investment vehicle into which the matching funds for the Community Athletic and Recreation Center. This methodology would provide for an additional \$150,000 of matching funds for the Center above what was appropriated to date. Mr. Pagenhardt will convey this decision of the Board to the College.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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