

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty
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 Public Meeting Agenda for August 28, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 21, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Representatives with the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers, Inc. presented an overview of the forest canopy walkway at Deep Creek Lake State Park Discovery Center.
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the monthly department head staff meeting. In attendance were representatives from the following departments, agencies, and offices:
 - a) Ruth Enlow Library
 - b) Western Maryland Consortium
 - c) Health Department
 - d) Office of the State's Attorney
 - e) Department of Planning and Land Development
 - f) Extension Service
 - g) Department of General Service
 - h) Department of Public Utilities
 - i) Board of Education
 - j) Department of Emergency Management

5. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services reviewed a letter from Helga Friend addressed to the Department of Financial Services – Tax Division indicating her intent to donate property to the Board of County Commissioners. Based on a review of said property and other related issues, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, declined to proceed on this proposal and directed Mr. Mullich to respond on their behalf to Ms. Friend.
6. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of request for proposal award for Engineering/Consulting Services – Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan Update (RFP #07-0717). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award to Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP for \$99,899.00. Commissioner Glotfelty expressed his concern for a specific time for completion provisions and requested that all future contracts include liquidated damage provisions.
7. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week
8. Public Commentary. Charles Thorne voiced his opinion on his numerous requests for public information provided by County staff. Commissioner Holliday defended the practice of County staff to respond to all requests for information and Commissioner Glotfelty explained the process for water and sewer construction plan review. Chairman Gregg refrained because it was his opinion that comments from Mr. Thorne had no substance and therefore did not require any response. Department of Public Utilities Director Linda Lindsey, who had previously answered questions for Mr. Thorne, was in attendance to assure accurate information was presented to the Board and Mr. Pagenhardt.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, appointed Samuel Ingram to serve as an alternate on the Licensing and Enforcement Board of Appeals. The Board has previously appointed Tammy Dugan who has yet to confirm her commitment to serve.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date