

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**November 19, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. The Board of County Commissioners discussed issues relative to the public meeting session on this date whereby Wisp Mountain Homeowner Association members have requested that the County approve the transfer of ownership of Wisp Mountain Road and Overlook Pass and include these private roads into the County Road System Inventory. County Attorney Gorman Getty; Jay Moyer, Director, Department of Public Works; Dwight Emory, County Engineer, Engineering Department; and David Ritchie, Project Engineer, Engineering Department were in attendance for this session.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with Department of Financial Services staff to review Fiscal Year 2013 financial information to include identified areas of revenue that were over budget and expenditures that were under budget. This discussion will continue as part of a Board/staff work session on November 21, 2013.
3. Garrett College President Richard MacLennan and staff reviewed the Garrett College Campus Facilities Master Plan. The Plan is a proposed \$30 million 6 phase project to commence in Fiscal Year 2016 through 2020. The College will ask for a commitment from the State and County so that the Master Plan can proceed with final design and planning. The Garrett Foundation will also inaugurate a capital fund raising program to support the total cost of the Master Plan. The Board agreed to continued dialog on this matter.
4. At the request of Chairman Gatto, Beth Little-Terry with Mountain Laurel Medical Center met with the Board of County Commissioners to follow up on the public health care presentation as part of the November 5, 2013 Public Meeting. The Board agreed to submit letters of support to legislative offices and other governmental agencies.

**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 November 19, 2013. 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 November 19, 2013.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2013 and Executive Session Minutes for November 5, 2013.
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. The Board of County Commissioners met with Wisp Mountain Homeowners Association members who requested that the Board accept the transfer of ownership of Wisp Mountain Road and Overlook Pass and include these private roads into the County Road System Inventory. Commentary was provided by Klaus Schmidt, Kendall Camp POA Representative and other persons in attendance for this session. The Board will take this matter under advisement. County Attorney Gorman Getty and Mr. Pagenhardt will broker a meeting with Wisp Resort, the Property Owners Associations, and the County. The Board committed to an expeditious review of these issues with all parties and a conclusive decision for any transfer of ownership of Wisp Mountain Road and Overlook Pass.
5. The Board of County Commissioners issued the following points relative to Fiscal Year 2015 funding for the Garrett County Board of Education – Garrett County Public School System. Chairman Gatto, who also serves as the Ex-Officio Member/Board of County Commissioners Representative on the Board of Education had requested this session be scheduled and on this date provided his comments on the budget timeline and his opinion that a second/follow-up meeting between the 2 elected boards and staff was required. Commissioners Raley and Crawford, numerous Board of Education staff, and other members of the public provided comments and opinion. Board of Education President Cynthia Downton, when asked by Commissioner Crawford about scheduling a session to discuss funding issues, stated that if the Board of County Commissioners would not at this time inform the Board of Education what the funding appropriation would be for Fiscal Year 2015 then the Board of Education Members and staff would refuse to meet.

Chairman Gatto entered a motion that the Board of County Commissioners designate \$2.2 million to the Board of Education for Fiscal Year 2015 with the added verbiage that any ancillary funding secured from the State of Maryland supplement this total and therefore the County appropriation will be reduced accordingly. The motion failed to receive a second and the session ended.

6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Gatto, appointed the following persons to the Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee:

- Michael Koch, Director, Garrett County Department of Economic Development
- Timothy Carney, Senior Project Manager, Allegany County Economic Development
- David Dorsey, Acting Planning Coordinator, Allegany County Planning Services
- James Torrington, Division Chief, Garrett County Department of Planning and Land Development – Division of Permits and Inspections
- Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer
- Stephen Hartlaub, Professor of Environmental Policy, Frostburg State University
- Paul Durham, Garrett County citizen
- Edward Gates, Professor, University of Maryland Appalachian Laboratory
- Jo Gillman, Dean of Finance, Garrett College

- Michael Dreisbach, President, Garrett Trails and Owner of Savage River Lodge
- Eric Guthrie, Division Manager, Pillar Innovations – Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
- Robert Sutton, Deep Creek Property Owners Association and President, Sky Valley POA

Official letters of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Gatto.

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 Linda Green to the Local Management Board. An official letter of outlining the terms of appointment will be sent to Ms. Green under the signature of Chairman Gatto.
8. Public Commentary. None on this date.
9. 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.
10. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for April 5, 2011 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 matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session. The Board met with Michael Koch, Director, Department of Economic Development to review a number of discussion points which will not be disclosed publically at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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 R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
 County Administrator

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 Robert G. Gatto, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

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 Date