

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there was one (1) addition to the agenda for October 15, 2002. The Board of County Commissioners will be asked to approve the revised Capital Improvement Program for the Garrett County Board of Education.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 15 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, executed a proclamation designating October 30, 2002 as "National Weatherization Day" in Garrett County.
4. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ✓ Mr. Hinebaugh introduced Cheryl DeBerry, who was recently appointed as the County's Agriculture Marketing Specialist. Ms. DeBerry presented a work report for September and October.
 - ✓ A discussion was conducted on the Exhibit Hall proposed to be located at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The Board of County Commissioners will schedule a meeting with the Fair Board to determine whether to proceed with the project at the fairgrounds or to look at alternate sites to locate the facility.
 - ✓ The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, designated Chairman Gregg to execute the Federal Assistance Award (#01-01-07672) between the United States Department of Commerce and the Board of Garrett County Commissioners and the Adventure Sports Center Institute (as co-applicants) for a \$2,500,000 grant.
 - ✓ The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, designated Chairman Gregg to execute the \$2,500,000 Smart Growth Economic Development Infrastructure Fund Loan to allow for the purchase of approximately three hundred and eight-two (382) acres in the Keyser's Ridge area to establish the Interstate 68 Industrial Park.

- ✓ The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the United States Department of Agriculture Broadband Grant previously discussed on October 8, 2002 and October 3, 2002. The Board was informed that Allegany Communications Connect would contribute up to \$84,000 in in-kind matching commitment for design/engineering services to the project. This funding was based on a \$3,000 per mile/28 mile formula. An official decision by the Board to submit the grant application will be made on October 22, 2002.
- 5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the revised Capital Improvement Program for the Garrett County Board of Education. The Board of Education had amended the Program to show the addition of project improvements and construction of the Northern Garrett High School Gymnasium Lobby. The Board of County Commissioners approved the funding of this revised Program contingent on the availability of local funding and the condition that matching State of Maryland funding is secured by at least fifty percent (50%).
- 6. The Board of County Commissioners recognized the presidents of all Garrett County 4-H Clubs in furtherance of the 4-H Centennial Celebration. Each student president gave a brief overview of the projects their respective organization had worked on over the past several years.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a cost report prepared by Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department that showed the total cost of project work completed for the Town of Friendsville during this fiscal year. A letter will be sent to the Town indicating this work that was approved/scheduled and completed with the agreement that the Town would not pursue a tax differential.
2. An informational memorandum from Wendy Yoder, Director of the Department of Financial Services indicating that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) had announced that the standard mileage rate would be reduced from \$0.365 to \$0.360 effective January 1, 2003. Past policy had been for the County to coincide with the IRS rate. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved to change the rate to the \$0.360. Notification will be provided to all departments.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt informed the Board of County Commissioners the full-time position of accounting clerk II will be advertised with the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling. Previous discussion to consider making the position part-time/temporary has taken place but the six-day schedule the Landfill operates under justifies the full-time status of the position. The Board agreed with this direction.
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

Date

