

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2004**

**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 Public Meeting of March 9, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 2, 2004 and Administrative Session of March 4, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - ⇒ A request for execution of a resolution to set the date and time of the Tax Sale.
  - ⇒ Discussion on the Constant Yield for Tax Year 2005. The Board also set the date and time for the public session for this requirement.
  - ⇒ The Board set the official setting for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2005 Operating and Capital Budget for May 18, 2004.
  - ⇒ The Board approved a number of Fiscal Year 2004 Budget amendments as presented by Ms. Yoder on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
4. The Procurement Office presented a recommendation of bid award for skid steer loader (bid #04-0224SS) to American Rent All. The Board on a motion to include a waiver for thirty-four and one-half inch bid specification by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg approved the recommendation as presented.
5. Commissioner Holliday presented a 2004 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Update.

6. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
7. The Board of Trustees and staff from the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County presented a budget request for Fiscal Year 2005 to the Board of County Commissioners. Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Madeleine Collins gave a brief overview of prior year and current year operations. A number of questions were directed to Trustees and staff. The Board will take this request for funding under consideration and ask Mr. Pagenhardt and the Department of Financial Services staff to review the proposal.

Discussion was also undertaken on the Board of Trustees commitment to participation in the Allegheny County Communications Connect Broadband Grant Application. A reversal of this obligation by the Board of Trustees may constitute a possible material infringement in the grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Administration. Frank Shap, Department of Economic Development Business Technology Officer will meet with the Board of Trustees on March 10, 2004 to address this matter.

8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal and financial matters as it applies to the Department of Public Utilities and Department of Financial Services.

#### **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 Beard, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved action to execute a loan on behalf of Garrett College that will allow the College to purchase Garrett Hall for \$950,000. The College will be responsible for all debt service payments for this loan. This motion includes review for legal sufficiency by the county attorney and college attorney prior to final loan closing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date