

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 4, 2006

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 was one addition and no deletion to the Public Agenda for April 4, 2006. The Purchasing Department requested time to present a bid recommendation for a Prefabricated Steel Bridge.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 21, 2006 and Executive Session for March 24, 2006 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, proclaimed April 6, 2006 as "Town of Kitzmiller Day" in observance of their 100th Anniversary.
4. Members of the Garrett County Forestry Board presented the Board of County Commissioners with a Proclamation issued by Governor Robert Erhlich proclaiming April 5, 2006 as "Arbor Day in the State of Maryland".
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a Resolution adopting a number of official road names.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded a recommendation of bid award for Contractual Mowing Services

- (bid #06-0309M) for a number of locations to Pleasant Valley Lawn Care, Appalachian Parent Association, Inc., and Sheaffer's Mt. Meadow Garden, LLC. Specific cost by location is outlined in the recommendation for bid award memorandum.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded a recommendation of bid award for Prefabricated Steel Bridge (bid #06-0330B) to Steadfast Bridge for \$49,913.00.
 8. County resident Willie Stemple met with the Board of County Commissioners at his request to voice an opinion on alleged mistreatment of animal complaints filed by anonymous calls that continue to be investigated by Garrett County Animal Control and the Garrett County Sheriff's Department. Animal Control officers have responded to all complaints that have, with the exception of one incident, been unsubstantiated. The Board will seek the opinion of the County Attorney on the legal implications of following up on anonymous calls and possible policy adoption that will prevent a continuation of this practice. Mr. Pagenhardt will present this issue to the County Attorney.
 9. Town of Kitzmiller Mayor James Browning met with the Board of County Commissioners to request funding assistance for the Company Store/Visitor's Destination Center Project and promotional appropriation/match for the Town's 100th Anniversary Celebration. The Board requested an official letter on the Visitor's Center funding request that will outline other funding sources and agreed to appropriate \$1,000 for the 100th Anniversary Celebration.
 10. A Public Hearing before the Board of County Commissioners at the request of Spiker, LLC and Karen Myers, who petitioned the Board to close part Old Bumble Bee Road, was conducted. The petitioner requested a conveyance of the roadbed, which had been abandoned in 2003. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to proceed with final legal proceedings for conveyance. Mr. Pagenhardt will request a review/opinion from the County Attorney on this matter.
 11. County and Mountain Lake Park resident Ron Unger met with the Board of County Commissioners at his request to voice opinions of County refuse collection policy, public water rates, and the Commissioners Scholarship Program. County staff from the Departments of General Services and Public Utilities was in attendance for this session. The Board listened to all comments with explanations of policy provided.

12. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
13. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for March 24, 2006 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 Beard, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss personnel issues. Chairman Gregg was included in the discussion via speaker telephone from Garrett County Memorial Hospital. The issue addressed at this session was the organizational structure of the Department of Public Utilities.

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 Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to the Youghioghney River Advisory Board. An official letter of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to Mr. Hinebaugh outlining the terms of this appointment.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date