

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 18, 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 were no additions or deletions to the Public Agenda for April 18, 2006.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 11, 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 conducted a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 Constant Yield. Public commentary was received and will be taken under advisement. Chairman Gregg noted that Fiscal Year Budget and all applicable tax rates would be announced on June 6, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, closed the hearing.
4. Mountain Lake Park resident David Insley met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice his opinion on the issue of fluoride in the public water system. Mr. Insley had previously met with the Board to discuss this matter on October 18, 2005 at which time the Board requested a public health opinion from the County Health Officer. The Board also corresponded with the Mayors and Town Councils of Mountain Lake Park and Loch Lynn Heights asking for their opinion on the continuation of fluoride in the public water system that served these municipalities. Neither municipal governing body issued an opinion either in favor or against discontinuing fluoride in the public water system that serves both jurisdictions. Mr. Insley requested that, based on new information he referenced, the

Board of County Commissioners place a moratorium on the use of fluoride in County public water system until all information can be reviewed. Mr. Insley also suggested that the County secure an opinion from the county attorney on the potential for legal action and also placing the issue of fluoride in public water systems on referendum. Lastly, Mr. Insley requested that a cost adjustment be made on his service bill for the actual cost that he incurs as a result of medications for his family that they are prescribed and required to take as they may be related to fluoride in the public water system.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a Proclamation designating the week of April 17 to 23, 2006 as "National Community Development Week".
6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.

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 Beard, which was seconded by Commissioners Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Mark Weber to the position of Licensing and Enforcement Officer with the Department of Planning and Land Development. The Board took this action on April 12, 2006. Mr. Pagenhardt will send a letter to Mr. Weber outlining all terms and conditions of employment.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed requests from local municipalities for project assistance in lieu of a tax differential for Fiscal Year 2007. Management had reviewed all requests with the County Roads Department for the availability of labor and materials.
4. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development reviewed the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board of the Friendsville Revitalization Committee proposal to make improvements to the existing tram road extending between Friendsville and the former logging community of Kendall.
5. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services reviewed final condemnation proceedings for the Floyd Ellis property adjacent to the County Airport. Final appraisals were completed by the Department of General Services with a fair market value to include the purchase price differential of \$175,301. This

value is less than Mr. Ellis's asking price of \$185,000. The Board directed Mr. Mullich to convey the final offer of \$175,301, which if not accepted, the County would proceed with condemnation litigation.

6. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed revenue estimates and requested expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date