

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
February 26, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg
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 Agenda for February 26, 2008.
2. Minutes the Public Meeting of February 12, 2008 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the monthly department head staff meeting. In attendance were representatives from the following departments, agencies, and offices:
 - a) Ruth Enlow Library
 - b) Health Department
 - c) Department of Planning and Land Development
 - d) Department of Economic Development
 - e) Board of Election Supervisors
 - f) Garrett College
 - g) Extension Service
 - h) Department of Public Utilities
 - i) Office of the State's Attorney
 - j) Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management
 - k) Department of General Services
4. Pamela Nelson, Vice President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. requested that the Board of County Commissioners support the Maryland Department of Human Resources – Service Linked Housing Grant Application. This

application is for three (3) year funding in the total amount of \$181,000. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty approved and executed a local government application.

5. Edgar Harman, President, Youghiogheny River Watershed Association (YRWA) and Todd Miller from the Canaan Valley Institute met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the Hoyes Run Watershed Stream Restoration Project. The YRWA requested that the Board of County Commissioners join with the State Highway Administration in sponsoring the Hoyes Run erosion repair. It was noted that the project, if the County participates, would need to be bid through the County Procurement policy. At this time all that is required is a letter of support executed by the Board, which was agreed to and will be drafted for signature.
6. Public Commentary. Residents David and Judy Bertsch met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their opinion on wind generation.
7. 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. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services and Mr. Pagenhardt updated the Board of County Commissioners on current financial methodologies for the City of Oakland Tax Differential. Ms. Yoder will notify the City that the Board will use the County's Tax Differential Calculation model. Preliminary dialog has taken place for consideration of terminating the existing tax differential agreement between both jurisdictions.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, executed a revised Garrett County Public Ethics Ordinance. Changes were made to Article II to reflect changes/amendments to officials and employees covered.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved a real property tax credit for the Avilton Community Association for Fiscal/Tax Year 2009.

5. Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development presented a letter, prepared at the request of the Board of County Commissioners, outlining opposition to proposed legislation by Delegate Wendell Beitzel to regulate outdoor advertising signs adjacent to highways in Garrett County. Chairman Glotfelty and Commissioner Gregg executed this letter of opposition. Commissioner Holliday declined to sign.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved a Resolution in support of financing from the Department of Business and Economic Development for fire suppression for the Total Biz Fulfillment Loan in the amount of \$350,000.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, appointed Sharon Paugh (Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association) George Vincent (citizen), and Lou Battistella (citizen) to the Garrett County Emergency Services Board.
8. The Board of County Commissioners met with County Attorney Gorman Getty to address a series of legal matters to include recent requests for public information.
9. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed request for proposals from Southern Garrett Rescue Association and Northern Garrett Rescue Association for the provision of pre-hospital emergency care.
10. Chairman Glotfelty and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed Special Grant Agreement MAA-GR-08-035 of fifty percent (50%) or up to \$9,325 for installing access control systems at the Garrett County Airport.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

 R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
 County Administrator

 Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners

 Date