# BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING January 17, 2012

**IN ATTENDANCE** 

Chairman James M. Raley
Commissioner Gregan T. Crawford
Commissioner Robert G. Gatto

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners attended the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours Breakfast meeting.
- 2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of other informational, administrative and pending issues.
- 3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Raley, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss financial and economic development. The same motion ended the Executive Session.
- 4. The Board of County Commissioners; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; and Mr. Pagenhardt met to initiate dialog and discussion on a proposed Land Use Management Ordinance. Chairman Raley explained the public commentary process for this topic and Mr. Nelson began the review from the proposed Ordinance by reciting and asking the Board for their thoughts on a number of sections. Several persons from the general public were in attendance for this session.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

# **CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION**

### **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- 1. <u>Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda</u>. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for January 17, 2012. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
- The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Chairman Raley, and made unanimous by Commissioner Gatto, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2012, Executive Session for January 10, 2012, and Administrative Session for January 12, 2012.
- 3. Chairman Raley made a public statement relative to the Executive Session conducted on this date pertaining to Adventure Sports Center International (ASCI) as follows "On this date the Board of County Commissioners met in Executive Session to discuss legal, financial and

personnel implication for ASCI in regards to the default of \$3 million of capital debt obligations. During construction ASCI incurred \$3 million of loans from private lending institutions in order to address unanticipated costs during construction." ASCI is 501 3 C Non-Profit Entity and not under the authority of the Board of County Commissioners. The financial institutions involved with the debt collection are Susquehanna Bank and First United Bank & Trust. An official and more detailed review will be made during the February 7, 2012 Public Session when additional information will be available.

- 4. Garrett Trails presented an update of activities and projects to the Board of County Commissioners. Included in the discussion were the following:
  - a) Approval and execution of License Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the University of Maryland on a motion by Commissioner Gatto, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, and made unanimous by Chairman Raley.
  - b) Approval of Trail License Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources on the same motion. The Agreement will be executed after document is completed by DNR.
- 5. James Stanton, representing Youghiogheny River Watershed Association, partnering with Savage River Watershed Association, provided the Board and members of the public with an update on the stream waders monitoring program. Staff from the Department of Public Utilities and Rodney Glotfelty, Health Officer, were also in attendance for this session. The Association requested that the Board support as public policy baseline and continuing water quality monitoring by volunteers and by the Maryland Department of the Environment, assist with establishing laboratory analyses capability, assist with purchase of monitoring instruments and supplies, and provide unique identification badges for qualified volunteers.
- 6. Public Commentary. None on this date.
- 7. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming weeks.

Attest:	By Order of the Board,
R. Lamont Pagenhardt,	
County Administrator	Board of County Commissioners
 Date	