

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**  
**September 18, 2012**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

1. The Board of County Commissioners attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours at Wisp Resort.
2. The Board of County Commissioners attended a ribbon cutting/opening ceremony for the Visitor's Center Trail.
3. The Board of County executed a Proclamation designating September 17 to 23, 2012 as "Constitution Week".
4. The Board of County Commissioners and a number of department heads and senior management staff discussed 2013 legislative initiatives that may be approved and presented for consideration to the Maryland General Assembly. These included:
  - a) Discussion enabling legislation to prohibit the sale of bath salts. County Health Officer Rodney Glotfelty had discussed this with Chairman Raley and indicated that the mandate for this in Garrett County was not required but Chairman Raley wanted to go on record as having the Board of County Commissioners address this and remain vigilant. County Attorney Gorman Getty and States Attorney Lisa Thayer Welch were in attendance for this discussion.
  - b) Bonding authority on behalf of Garrett County Memorial Hospital for construction and renovation projects. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services spoke to this matter.
  - c) Enabling legislation to establish setbacks, height, size, location, and decommissioning for wind turbines. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development provided commentary on this matter. Mr. Getty reminded the Board that they had this authority through land use authority.
  - d) Mr. Nelson mentioned the Commissioners Marcellus Shale Committee had requested that the Board secure legislative authority to bond County roads for damage from drilling activity.
  - e) Commissioner Crawford and Mr. Getty discussed a number of proposed tax credits to include green buildings, stormwater management, public utility service area accounts, and other tax incentives to spur development and economic growth to include a bundling of incentives.
  - f) Willie Lantz, University of Maryland Extension Service provided incentives related to agriculture and farming.

- g) Commissioner Crawford asked if the County could establish a local tax incentive program similar to the One Maryland program which the County is no longer eligible.
  - h) Legislative authority to establish franchise agreements with cable companies. Mr. Getty will research this matter and advise.
  - i) Other related topics and suggestions for consideration.
- 5. Ms. Yoder requested approval from the Board of County Commissioners to continue to waive real property tax for Adventure Sports Center International. The Board agreed to an abatement of all real property tax for Fiscal Year 2013 and all future years.
- 6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gatto, which was seconded by Commissioner Crawford, 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 personnel matters relative to Deep Creek 2014. The same motion ended the Executive Session. Mr. Getty was in attendance for this session.
- 7. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for Maple Street Wastewater System Extension (bid #112-0906). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioners Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Raley, approved an award to Winters General Contractor, Inc. for Alternative 2 – Directional Drilling at \$175,600.00.
- 8. The Board of County Commissioners approved the Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 to 2019. Notification will be sent to the Superintendent of Schools that this approval was granted based on the availability of local funding during the normal budget approval process.
- 9. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to the recommendation of appointment of Roger Gower and Kevin Tasker to the position of maintenance worker with the Department of Public Utilities. Official letters of appointment will be sent to each employee from Mr. Pagenhardt outlining the terms and conditions of employment.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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James M. Raley, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date