

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
May 4, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh, Jr.
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt; DaVina Griffith, Director of Human Resources; Jay Moyer, Director, Department of Public Works; and Paul Harvey, Division Chief, Department of Public Works - Roads Division presented the Board with a Draft *On The Job Training* Program. The Board agreed with the Program as drafted which will be reviewed with all Department of Public Works – Roads Division personnel. Mr. Harvey and Ms. Griffith will be responsible for this program implementation.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Proposed Project Descriptions (PPDs) prior to a final decision of approval during the public meeting on this date.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Dr. Somi Rikhye as Associate Medical Director. Dr. Rikhye will be working to facilitate a transition to Garrett County Medical Director who will replace Dr. Richard Perry as Garrett County Medical Director. An official Personal Services Contract will be executed by Dr. Rikhye and the County.
4. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged, personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to the Public Meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for May 4, 2015. The agenda session to recognize Alyssa Miller was moved in the scheduled time on the public meeting agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for May 4, 2015.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2015 and Executive Session Minutes for April 27, 2015.

3. The Board of County Commissioners executed Proclamations for the following designations:
 - “Paint the Town Blue Day” as May 21, 2015
 - “65th Anniversary Garrett County Memorial Hospital” on May 15, 2015
4. The Board of County Commissioners recognized Alyssa Miller by official proclamation for being selected “If I Were Mayor I Would” contest Western Maryland District Winner.
5. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of award – Invitation to Bid – Program Open Space (bid #15-0423) to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a contract award to Long Fence Company, Inc. of \$8,503.30 for McHenry Lions Club Park and \$5,029.20 for AYSO Soccer Complex.
6. Jon Wynn with Western Maryland Consortium presented an organizational briefing to the Board of County Commissioners.
7. Pursuant to a review during the April 27, 2015 Public Meeting, the Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved the following Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Proposed Project Descriptions (PPDs) priority ranking list. Actual PPD descriptions can be referenced in Exhibit 2 that are part of the April 27, 2015 Public Meeting Minutes.

AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- 1) Garrett County Emergency Management Operations Center – Phase 1 – Board of County Commissioners – Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management
- 2) Health Service Foundation Facility Acquisition and Rehabilitation – Hospice of Garrett County, Inc.
- 3) Garrett County Transportation Plan and Feasibility Studies – Board of County Commissioners - Department of Planning and Land Management
- 4) Garrett Regional Health Education Network - Garrett County Memorial Hospital
- 5) Visitation and Economics of Recreation/Tourism in Western Maryland State Forests – State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service

LOCAL ACCESS ROAD PROJECTS

- 1) Keyser’s Ridge Business Park Local Access Road (Phase 1 and 2) – Board of County Commissioners - Department of Economic Development
 - 2) Town of Oakland Local Access Road Resurfacing Project – Mayor and Town Council of Oakland
8. Garrett County Area on Aging presented their 2016 Area Plan Summary to the Board of County Commissioners. Program summary, program participant characteristics, and statistics for this reporting period are file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Edwards, on behalf of the Board, executed the Area on Aging 2016 Plan.
 9. Constituent Input and Public Commentary

- Annie Bristow spoke on her attendance at the Garrett County Health Planning Council and the authority of the Board of County Commissioners who serve as the Board of Health for Garrett County. She requested that the topic of public health as it relates to natural gas hydraulic fracturing is added to the May Health Planning Council agenda when the Board of County Commissioners will be sitting as the Board of Health. Mr. Pagenhardt will speak with the County Health Officer to add this subject to the May Meeting agenda.
- Eric Robison spoke on the proposed economic development study and process for timing and funding
- Michael Bell voiced his opinion on the Department of Labor, Licensing , and Regulation local office for providing job service in Garrett County
- Mark Stutzman voiced his opinion on natural gas hydraulic fracturing and if the Board would consider participating in a fieldtrip to site
- Other comments and questions on natural gas hydraulic fracturing in Garrett County
- Jerry Plauger asked Commissioner Hinebaugh if he had visited Mettiki Coal Corporation

10. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under Section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for April 27, 2015 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 Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Hinebaugh, moved into Executive Sessions under Section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address economic development matters. The same motion ended the Executive Sessions.

- a) The Board of County Commissioners met with the following persons to discuss the Draft Deep Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan.
- Robert Hoffman, President, Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association
 - David Myerberg, Chair, Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board (PRB)
 - John Forman, Professional Forester with Wood Products, Inc. and former Chair of the PRB
 - Debbie Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning and Land Management

Mr. Pagenhardt is working with the Office of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to schedule a date and time to meet in the County with the Secretary and senior Department staff on this matter. The Board agreed to proceed with a conceptual review with direction to implement.

- b) The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Casselman Mine – Corsa Capital to review an alternate coal haul road and entrance to Maryland Route 495. The County Engineering Department had investigated preliminary design for such a project. County staff will again meet with Corsa Capital principals to discuss this project and associated options for coal haulage.
- c) The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request for real estate tax exemption for all tenants located in the Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC). Department of Economic Development staff was asked to research any past waivers for tax credits for this entity.

The Department of Economic Development will pay the Fiscal Year 2015 real property taxes of \$1,097.05 for Room 101, the GIEC space recently vacated by Lakeside Architecture, to clear the account from the tax rolls. The Board will approach Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel to ask that legislation be introduced in the 2016 Legislative Session to exempt the GIEC facility from the assessment/payment of state and county real property tax. If the legislation does not pass, the issue will be revisited.

11. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the public meeting.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date