

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2001**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Frederick A. Holliday
Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were two (2) additions to the Public Session agenda for October 23, 2001.
 - ⇒ The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a meeting with representatives from the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties pertaining the recent decision to change the date of the 2002 Autumn Glory Festival
 - ⇒ Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a bid award recommendation for the purchase of a mini-van.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 16, 2001 and Administrative Session of October 18, 2001 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday.
3. Staff personnel from the Garrett County Department of General Services presented the Board of County Commissioners with an update on a number of departmental issues to include the following:
 - ⇒ Modifications and improvements to the County website
 - ⇒ Hours of operation and other administrative issues with the Animal Control Division
 - ⇒ The Shallmar Acquisition program
 - ⇒ Revisions and changes to the Garrett County Junkyard ordinance
 - ⇒ Court House renovations, fire suppression and air conditioning installation
 - ⇒ Disposition of the old Board of Education Building
 - ⇒ Garrett County Health Department office move
 - ⇒ Status of relocation of the Grantsville Roads Department Garage
4. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Holliday to execute the Maryland Aviation Authority grant application pertaining to a comprehensive environmental assessment at the Garrett County Airport.

5. The Town of Kitzmiller Mayor Nancy Brady presented the Board of County Commissioners with a town flag in appreciation for the past efforts and support provided to the Town by the County. The Board will display the flag in the Board of

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County Commissioners public meeting room and will request that other municipalities provide a flag for display.

6. Fred Polce, Roads Department General Superintendent and Dwight Emory, County Engineer updated the Board of County Commissioners on number of bridge construction projects.
7. At the request of the Board of County Commissioners the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and representatives of a number of local organizations met to discuss and protest the changing of the date of the 2002 Autumn Glory Festival. The decision to change the date of the Festival was made by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors due to the fact that members did not want to schedule this event on Columbus Day weekend. Leonard Eiswert (who spoke for the Chamber) stated that the Chamber did not realize how controversial this would be and he promised to carry the message of the Board and those in attendance back to the membership. Mr. Eiswert also suggested exploring ways of having wider participation in the organization of the festival and to look at broadening the base of the governing body. The general consensus of the organizations in attendance was that their input was not taken into consideration in this decision and that the Chamber had not fully researched the impact of changing the date which would conflict with the Mountain State Forest Festival in Elkins, W.Va., and the Springs (Pa.) Folk Festival. The Board strongly suggested that the Chamber reconsider the decision to change the date as soon as possible.
8. The Board of County Commissioners conducted bid openings for the following purchases:
 - ⇒ Brush mower (bid #01-0123)
 - ⇒ Tri-axle dump truck (bid #01-1023T)All bids were referred to the Procurement Office for a review and recommendation as soon as feasible.
9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, approved a bid award recommendation for a mini-van (bid #01-1016V) to Billy Bender Chevrolet, Inc.
10. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, declared a listing of surplus County property to be included in the November auction.
11. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development met with the Board of County Commissioners to briefly discuss the following issues:

- ⇒ The 2002 PACE Reception
- ⇒ The Town of Accident sewer project
- ⇒ The announcement by Emerson Electric, parent company of ClosetMaid, to reduce their management workforce by 4,000 personnel

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- ⇒ Execution of an agreement between Allegheny Energy and Garrett County Government for electrical service to the Northern Garrett Industrial Park.
12. The Department of Financial Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
- ⇒ State of Maryland 508 Funding that is designated for local fire and rescue associations
 - ⇒ A report prepared by Wendy Yoder, Director that shows the actual annual budgetary cash savings for the early payoff of four (4) loans as part of the undesignated/unrestricted carryover for Fiscal Year 2001
 - ⇒ Legislation pertaining the tax amnesty funding that will be designated for the Garrett County Board of Education
13. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Holliday to sign the Recreational Trails Planning Grant between the Maryland Department of Planning and Garrett County Government. The grant will secure Appalachian Regional Commission funding for this project.
14. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, approved an appropriation of funding in the amount of \$2,000 to the Maryland Region One Emergency Services Advisory Council.
15. John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning reviewed with the Board of County Commissioners a request from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (the "Department") stating the intention of the Department to bid on two (2) parcels of property. The Department was requesting the approval of the Board to proceed with this purchase if they are the successful bidder. The Board directed Mr. Nelson to communicate with the Department to look at using this request as leverage to secure an easement for the Meadow Mountain Trail. Any official action by the Board of County Commissioners will be taken under advisement after a reply from the Department.
16. In furtherance a letter from the Garrett County Planning Commission related to a recommendation that an alternate position and a temporary alternate position be appointed to serve on the Commission was read and discussed. The Board of County Commissioners took the following action on each recommended position.
- ⇒ The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, approved the appointment of an alternate. The Board also

indicated that they review potential names of interested persons for this Commission appointment

⇒ The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Gregg, took official action not to approve the appointment of a temporary alternate for appointment to the Commission. Chairman Holliday was in favor of appointing such a position and voted “no” to the issue.

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17. The Board of County Commissioners announced that the legislative meeting with Senator Hafer and Delegate Edwards would be scheduled on November 1 at 10:00 AM.

18. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

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By Order of the Board,

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Frederick A. Holliday, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

