

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 30, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Addition/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were no additions or deletions to the Public Session agenda for July 30, 2002.
2. The minutes of the Public Meeting of July 23, 2002, Executive Session of July 23, 2002 and Administrative Session of July 25, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Monthly Staff Meeting for July. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Garrett County Health Department
Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
Department of Solid Waste and Recycling
Department of Social Services
Department of Economic Development
Department of Emergency Management
Garrett County Roads Department
Department of Financial Services
Mountain Top Mental Health Associates
Department of Planning and Zoning
Garrett County Extension Service
Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families
Western Maryland Consortium
Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
The Dove Center
The Office of the State's Attorney
Garrett County Board of Education
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc.
Department of General Services
Garrett College

4. William Roszell, a local pilot, met with the Board of County Commissioners to request that consideration be given to modifying or changing the agreement

between the County and the fixed based operator at the Garrett County Airport. Mr. Roszell indicated that it was his opinion that as the Airport continues to grow, because of more commercial usage as a result of expansion plans, that the increase in revenue offset any County expense in the operational costs. The Board indicated that the Procurement Office received requests for proposals for the current vacancy of operator at the Airport and the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission will review these on August 1 and present a recommendation of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Gregg, who is a member of the Advisory Commission, suggested that Mr. Roszell attend the August meeting of the Advisory Commission and discuss this issue.

5. The Board of County Commissioners participated in a wheelchair tour of the Town of Oakland with Secretary of Veterans Affairs Thomas Bratten, chairperson of the Garrett County Commission for the Handicapped. Secretary Bratten wanted the officials to see first hand how difficult it is to cross busy streets, access narrow doors, ascend inclined sidewalks, and negotiate thick curbs in a wheelchair. The purpose of the commission is to raise public awareness about inaccessibility in the county and to bring about change.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a grant application between the County and the United States Department of Agriculture -Rural Development Administration for the Garrett Computer Adoption Project. This grant application is for \$20,000 and was preceded by a pre-application on May 14, 2002.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of award for Architectural/Engineering Services (RFP #02-0321) - Adventure Sports Center International Complex - Phase 1, Recirculating Whitewater Course & Amphitheater. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to the motion of award however; he indicated that he supports the project but was opposed to the Board of County Commissioners awarding the contract. It was the opinion of Commissioner Holliday that the award should have been made by the Board of Directors for Adventure Sports Center International.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners met in Administrative Session prior to the Public Session with Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department and Dwight Emory, County Engineer to discuss the following issues:
 - ∇ Clearing and removal of rocks and debris in the Potomac River in the Gorman area in furtherance of a review by the State of Maryland Department of the environment and residents who have experienced recent flooding. It was determined by the Board and the Department to proceed with work in-house after the construction season, which will be in October.
 - ∇ Work on the Accident/Bear Creek Bridge will be started as soon as an easement is secured from the adjacent property owner. This should be finalized within the next two (2) weeks. A letter from Mr. Emory to the Maryland Department of

the Environment is on file that details plans for the construction of this bridge project and requests approval to proceed.

- ∇ Mr. Emory reviewed a construction plan for Allegheny Heights Wind Project presented to the Department by Clipper WindPower. This plan included a section on the installation of towers, wind turbines, and other facilities on private lands bordering Garrett County easements and properties. Clipper WindPower will coordinate such activities with the Department through Mr. Emory.
- 2. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for July 23, 2002 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board and Mr. Pagenhardt met with Rodney Glotfelty, County Health Officer, to review and complete a performance appraisal as required by the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Board of County Commissioners and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene evaluate Mr. Glotfelty on an annual basis.
- 3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Dean Lytle to the position of laborer with the Garrett County Roads Department. The Office of Human Resources will send an official letter of appointment to Mr. Lytle.
- 4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the Agricultural Land Preservation local matching program for the purchase of agricultural land easements for Fiscal Year 2003. A letter, executed by the Board, was sent to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.
- 5. Chairman Gregg executed an amendment to the Weatherization Grant with Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. which will add an additional \$25,000 to the grant. The total grant will be \$256,863.
- 6. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date