

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner David C. Beard
Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday
County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated that there were two (2) additions to the Public Meeting of February 24, 2004. The Procurement Office will present two (2) additional bid awards to the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 17, 2004, Executive Session for February 17, 2004, and Administrative Session of February 19, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Members of the Garrett County Recreational Trails Task Force briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of matters.
 - ⇒ Decision by the Board on what name title should be transferred to the Recreational Trail System.
 - ⇒ Request to determine the responsibility for maintenance of the trail system.
 - ⇒ Presentation of the Glendale Road alignment that is recommended and direction to proceed in to collect easements, deeds, or at least letters of intent to transfer property.
 - ⇒ Pledges of approximately \$50,000 from area businesses that can be used after the State Highway Administration and County Roads Department determine if signage can be erected along the trail system.
 - ⇒ The Task Force requested that the Board agree on recommended alignment and final approval of the consulting plan.

The Board will take all of these matters under advisement and meet with Department of Planning & Zoning and County Roads Department staff prior to a final determination.

4. Commissioners Beard and Holliday participated in a teleconference call with Secretary Aris Melissaratos and Verizon to discuss DSL services to Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties. This session was conducted at Garrett College.
5. Chairman Gregg attended a photo session at the Garrett County Health Center to promote "Cindy's Fund".
6. Members of the Southern Garrett Band Boosters met with the Board of County Commissioners to request assistance for the purchase of new uniforms. The Board will take this issue under advisement.
7. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for the following:
 - ⇒ Skid Steer Loader (bid # 04-0224SS)
 - ⇒ Invitation to Bid - Sale of Surplus County Property - Aluminum Dump Truck Body

All bids received will be reviewed and presented for award as soon as feasibly.

8. The Procurement Office conducted recommendations for bid award for the following:
 - ⇒ Request for proposals - Architectural/Engineering Services - Trade/Enterprise Center (RFP #03-1218). This recommendation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Grantsville Roads Aboveground Storage Tank Fuel Re-Location Project (bid # 04-0217). This recommendation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ Sewage Pump Truck (bid #04-0210). This recommendation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioners Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - ⇒ McHenry Area Test Well Drilling Project (bid # 04-0217WD). The recommendation was approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
9. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 17 2004 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal issues pertaining to the Department of Public Utilities .The same motion moved back into Public Session. An agenda of topics for input and direction were addressed to include:
 - ⇒ Requests for service in the interim period until the treatment plant expansion completion in 2006

- ⇒ Recording of plats prior to the assignment of equivalent resident units (ERUs)
- ⇒ Temporary relinquishment of inactive ERUs to be returned after the plant expansion that may be assigned to a designated plat
- ⇒ Financing for capital projects
- ⇒ Request that the Department of Public Utilities and the County fund the shortfall for the Deer Park Water Project that will maintain the proposed ad valorem rate
- ⇒ Transfer of tap allocation policy revision
- ⇒ Discussion on Rolling Ridge Joint Ventures, Deep Creek water tap issue

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Prior to the Public Session, the Board of County Commissioners met with Dwight Emory, County Engineer and Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to discuss the proposed access road to be constructed from Hoyes Run Road to Marsh Mountain. Mr. Emory requested direction from the Board and Mr. Hinebaugh on funding and design. Mr. Emory also presented the Board with an update on the Oakland/Third Street Bridge.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a real property tax exemption for Accident Community Housing Corporation and Backbone Housing, Inc. This exemption will be for tax year beginning July 1, 2004.
4. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed Rural Legacy Program Project Agreements between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Board of County Commissioners, and (1) Stephen and Ann Sherrard, (2) Harman Farms, LLC, and (3) Courtney Englar.
5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request for endorsement from Rebecca DeWitt on the issue of a fire, rescue, emergency medical services open door policy. The Board will not endorse this proposal. Notification of this action will be conveyed to Ms. DeWitt.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date