

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 22, 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 no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting of June 22, 2004.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of June 15, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Mark Tonkovich, Director, Department of Public Utilities briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Capital project update to include Deer Park Water start-up procedure with a target date of June 30, 2004.
 - b) Groundwater exploration project at Deep Creek Lake is underway with an artesian well located. Further drilling exploration is underway.
 - c) Update on the completion of the comprehensive Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan
 - d) Deep Creek Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System rehabilitation work and consultant study report were reviewed.
 - e) Update and timeline on capacity upgrades to the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - f) Total project and budget versus actual reports were presented for discussion.
 - g) Previous executive action taken by the Board in furtherance of a recommendation by Mr. Tonkovich to amend (increase) the Water Bills and Water Turnoff Policy was discussed. It was determined that amending the policy as written requires an act of the Maryland General Assembly. Therefore,

the action taken by the Board on April 13, 2004 was rescinded. Authority to amend this policy will be included in the 2005 Legislative Request.

- h) The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of employment appointment of Jason King as a utility maintenance worker with the Department. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment.
 - i) The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of employment appointment of Jeffrey Broadwater as staff account with the Department. Mr. Pagenhardt will send an official letter of appointment.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Beard, approved a recommendation of bid award by the Procurement Office for Water Line Extension to Garrett College (bid #04-0608GC) to Byco Bore and Pipe Inc. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to this recommendation.
 5. Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award for Mowing Services (bid #04-0608) to Appalachian Parent Association, Inc. and Sheaffer's Mt. Meadow Garden, LLC.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners approved a recommendation of contract award for Investment Services – Garrett County Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Plan (bid # 04-0513) to First United Bank & Trust on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday.
 7. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
 8. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners for Tri-Axle Dump Truck (bid #04-04-0622) and Custodial Cleaning and Paper Products (bid #04-0622C). All bids received will be reviewed with a recommendation of award to be presented to the Board as soon as feasible.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.

2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request by Hickory Ridge Investments for an abatement of past due hotel rental tax. Mr. Pagenhardt explained that the Board has the authority to only negotiate a reduction or abatement of interest and penalties on any tax due. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the abatement of all interest and penalties contingent on the payment of all taxes due. Taxes and accrued interest and penalties are unpaid for a period back to November of 2001. Mr. Pagenhardt will ask the Department of Financial Services to calculate the tax due. Notification will sent to Hickory Ridge Investments showing all taxes due.

3. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners and Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc., executed Weatherization Program agreements between the Board and the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date