

***BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 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 was one addition and one deletion to the agenda. The Department of Public Utilities will not be providing an update on this date and the Department of General Services will move into the time allotted for the Department of Public Utilities.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 16, 2004 and Administrative Session November 18, 2004 were read, amended (Public Meeting of November 16, 2004), and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Update on operations at the Garrett County Airport by Earl Chappell, Airport Manager.
 - b) Demolish of house and barn purchased by the County from Marvin Warnick in Jennings is underway.
 - c) Court House security renovations are underway which will provide personnel and detection equipment.
 - d) Special event permit review to be included in proposal for inclusion into the Department of Planning and Land Development structure.
 - e) A request from Clipper Windpower to obtain a construction easement from the County for the installation of a portion of an underground electrical and communications cable system on Bethlehem Road, Boiling Spring Road, and

Eagle Rock Road. The Board will review this with the Roads Department prior to any final agreement.

- f) Mr. Mullich attended the annual meeting of the Local Government Insurance Trust and reported on the financial condition of the organization, which the County is a member of for insurance services.
 - g) Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from ProCom to bid on telecommunication services with County Government. Mr. Mullich was asked to evaluate the cost of this service currently under contract.
4. Neil and Vicki Stone met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss their opposition to wind power turbines in Garrett County. Mr. and Mrs. Stone had attended the Friends of Backbone Mountain meeting held on November 18, 2004. The Board listened to the concerns expressed by these residents who live in close proximity to the location of both planned wind projects.
 5. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
 6. The Procurement office, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, conducted a bid opening for the Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project (bid #04-1116). All bids will be reviewed with a recommendation of award to be presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed a letter of agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, the State of Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, and American Woodmark Corporations pertaining to a lumber dimension mill operation in Garrett County.
3. Donald Battista, President, Garrett County Memorial Hospital met with the Board of County Commissioners to address a number of matters to include the role of the Board on the Board of Governors of the Hospital. The Board of County Commissioners had expressed their apprehension with information provided to the County on financial matters with the Hospital. Primarily, the Board of County Commissioners is under the opinion that the County, as the full faith and credit funding authority for existing bond issues for Hospital capital projects, should be better informed on financial issues. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Beard, agreed to

rescind prior action to consider options of transferring all authority currently with the County to the Garrett County Memorial Hospital Board of Governors.

4. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt executed an intergovernmental agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Maryland Environmental Service for construction of Cell No. 3 of the Garrett County Landfill (MES Contract 05-07-38).

ADJOURNMENT

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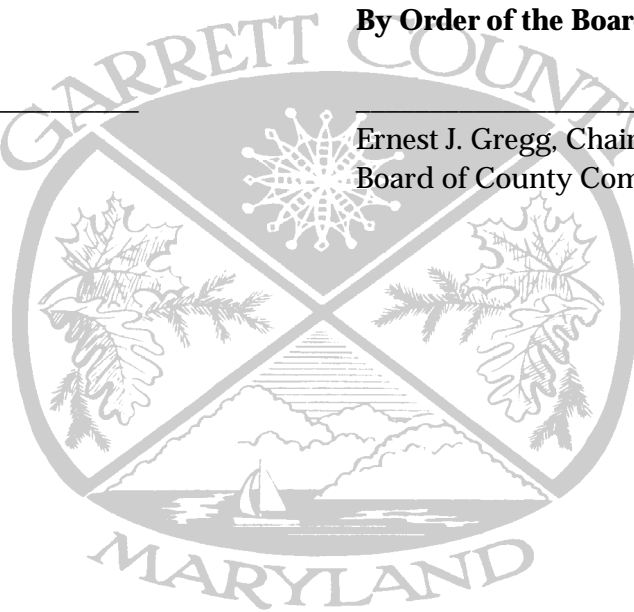
By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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