

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Ernest J. Gregg*  
*Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty*  
*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 Agenda for February 6, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 30, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous Commissioner Gregg.
3. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
  - a) A Western Region Homeland Security meeting was conducted with the focus on applying process for future grant funding that included a number of County departments and agencies that may qualify for eligible funding.
  - b) An exercise has been scheduled to simulate command operations and emergency operations center testing.
  - c) Update of Emergency Services Board activities and meeting dates.
  - d) Equipment update for departmental operations.
  - e) Department continues to monitor cold weather sheltering situations that may develop to include animal welfare.
  - f) Other departmental matters.
4. David Insley, a resident of Mountain Lake Park, met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice his opinion on issues related to the Mountain Lake Park Water Sanitary District. Department of Public Utilities staff was in attendance for this session. Mr. Insley presented a summary of information on fluoride usage in

public water systems and requested that the Board issue a moratorium on the use of fluoride in all County public water systems. Chairman Gregg informed Mr. Insley that the Board would request an opinion on the authenticity and validation of information presented on this date. All information researched will be shared with Mr. Insley.

5. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for Garrett County Fairgrounds Test Well Drilling Project (bid #07-0125). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of award to Wayne's Water 'n' Wells for \$65,264.00.
6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
7. Public Commentary. None on this date.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services; Richard Shoemaker, Superintendent, Department of Public Utilities; Jeff Broadwater, Accountant, Department of Public Utilities; Margret Ellis, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development; and Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services, to discuss financial matters related to White Face Farm. The property was purchased by the Garrett County Sanitary District for potential wastewater treatment but the Department of Economic Development has plans for industrial/business park development. The main point of discussion is determining and paying the appraised value or original purchase price. The Board decided to have the Department of Financial Services calculate the estimated interest that would have been earned had the purchase price been deposited as an investment. This yet to be determined value will then be used as actual value for the sale/transfer of property.
3. Chairman Gregg, Mr. Pagenhardt, and County Attorney Gorman Getty executed a Rural Legacy Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2007.

4. Mr. Nelson; Mr. Getty; Mr. Mullich; and James Torrington, Chief, Division of Permits and Inspections, Department of Planning and Land Development met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss issues related to Allegheny Highlands Conservancy. The Conservancy requested the Board to consider reimbursing donors of conservation easements for associated costs. Mr. Getty advised the Board that conserving land has been a practice of the Board but limiting this to the Conservancy would not be advisable. The Board will consider taking under advisement the drafting of a public policy that would apply for countywide conservation easements.
5. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Torrington, and Mr. Getty met with the Board of County Commissioners to review a letter the Board had received from the Garrett County Electrical Mechanical Association pertaining to local regulatory authority within the County. Mr. Nelson requested that the Board notify the Association that the Board has supported legislation to be presented by Maryland Electrical Licensing Group to establish a statewide licensing requirement for a State of Maryland master, apprentice, and journeyman license that would be issued by the State Board. The Board agreed with this recommendation and asked Mr. Nelson to send a letter to the Association on behalf of the Board explaining this action.
6. The Board of County Commissioners met with Robert Browning and Jamie Rodeheaver from the Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Company who requested additional local funding for their department. In attendance for this session were Mr. Getty, Ms. Yoder, Mr. Hinebaugh, and Mr. Frantz. Number of annual calls; geographic coverage areas; options of additional fundraising; community versus resort classification that effects fundraising and volunteer recruitment; an increase in hotel/rental tax, amusement tax, recordation tax, transfer tax; and other historical information was presented for review and discussion. The Board will take all issues of discussion under advisement and include the input of the Emergency Services Board.
7. Ms. Yoder, Mr. Weeks, and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed the final Capital Improvement Project Report (CIP) from the Board of Education with the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Pagenhardt reported that in order to initiate the bidding process for renovations to Northern Garrett Middle School and Grantsville Elementary School, final approval of the CIP by the Board of County Commissioners is required. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved the CIP as presented.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Attest:**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Date

**By Order of the Board,**

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners