

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 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 was one addition and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for March 6, 2007. Representatives from the Garrett County Forestry Board requested time to discuss local commitment to gypsy moth suppression funding.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 27, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a Proclamation designating the month of March 2007 as "Social Work Month.
4. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
5. Chairman Gregg attended an emergency meeting of Mountain Laurel Medical Center Board of Directors.
6. The Purchasing Department and Department of Human Resources presented a recommendation of bid award for Insurance Coverage (bid #07-0215). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of

award to First United Insurance Group. (Mr. Pagenhardt was not in attendance for this session. Ms. Riley was present on behalf of Mr. Pagenhardt).

7. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for Contractual Mowing Services (bid #07-0208M). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved a recommendation of award to Pleasant Valley Lawn Care and Appalachian Parent Association, Inc. (Specific location information is on file with the Purchasing Department). (Mr. Pagenhardt was not in attendance for this session. Ms. Riley was present on behalf of Mr. Pagenhardt).
8. Public Commentary. None on this date.
9. The Board of County Commissioners met with the Garrett County Forestry Board to discuss local funding for gypsy moth suppression. The Forestry Board distributed a map indicating areas that the State of Maryland had targeted for spray to include 60,000 acres statewide. Preliminary funding will only cover 50,000 acres. Garrett County has 15,000 acres that are infested and will require funding this spring. The Forestry Board indicated that the meeting was premature but stressed the importance of having a plan of action and funding in place by the end of May. (Mr. Pagenhardt was not in attendance for this session. Ms. Riley was present on behalf of Mr. Pagenhardt).

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners discussed a number of 2007 Legislative Session bills for consideration.

Senate Bill 901/House Bill 1220 – Chesapeake Bay Green Fund was specifically discussed as a bill the Board would strongly oppose. In attendance for this session were James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; James Torrington, Chief, Permits and Inspection Division, Department of Planning and Land Development, and Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services. Commissioner Holliday led the discussion and provided documentation on the financial impact on development in Garrett County. Mr. Nelson noted a best estimate from the Garrett County Stormwater Management Office is that approximately one and one-half percent (1.5%) of Garrett County is classified as impervious surface. This percentage is for the entire County, yet only thirty-three percent (33%) of Garrett County drains to the Chesapeake

Watershed. The eastern third of our county that does drain into the Bay Watershed would be less than one tenth of one percent (0.1%) impervious. Estimates are that only three percent (3%) of Garrett County's total land area qualifies for Priority Funding Area (PFA) designation and it is the position Garrett County that the unvarying PFA criteria applied uniformly across the state that results in such a small area of our county qualifying as a PFA will now lead to an unfair penalty for new development outside of a PFA under this Bill. The Board unanimously agreed to oppose the Bill as drafted and will evaluate proposing amendment or testifying in opposition.

Mr. Pagenhardt and Ms. Yoder also reviewed House Bill 1096 – Vehicle Laws – Highway Work Zones – Signs, Offenses, and Penalties. The County Roads Department has endorsed the Bill as drafted and the Board also will support.

3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption of real property tax based on one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran for William R. Franklin. Applicable years are on file in the Office of the County Administrator.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss personnel and financial matters related to the Sheriff's Department. The same motion adjourned the Executive Session.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, re-appointed William DeVore to the Garrett County Recreational Trails Task Force. An official letter of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to Mr. DeVore specifying all terms of said appointment.
6. Mr. Pagenhardt requested that the Board officially adopted the Garrett County Roads Department 3-Year Road Project Summary. This report, which was prepared by management at the County Roads Department, had been previously distributed to the Board for review and comments. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the Summary as prepared.
7. In furtherance of discussion and review on February 27, 2007 whereby the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the Garrett County Government representative appointment on the Upper Potomac River Commission the following action was taken. The term of appointment of Wendell Beitzel by the Board expired. The

question addressed that Mr. Beitzel is presented serving in the House of Delegates for Garrett County and in this capacity there may be potential conflicts of interest with a continuation of serving on the Commission. Mr. Beitzel provided an opinion from the Ethics Counsel for the State of Maryland Department of Legislative Services, which stated no finding of possible conflict on interest. Therefore, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Mr. Beitzel to the Commission. An official letter of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to Delegate Beitzel outlining the terms of appointment.

8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, approved the recommendation of appointment of Terry Spear to the position of Emergency Medical Services Coordinator. Mr. Pagenhardt will prepare an employment agreement outlining all terms and conditions of employment

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date