

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 2007. A brief summary of administrative matters was reviewed.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 3, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department, reviewed the following matters with the Board of County Commissioners:
 - a) One hundred forty-nine (149) inches of snow season to date
 - b) Seventy-four (74) days of snow removal operations season to date
 - c) Update of bridge construction and maintenance schedule
 - d) Road crews are working on cleaning anti-skid and general maintenance
 - e) Notification that collective bargaining negotiation will begin in the upcoming months.
 - f) Consideration for beginning four (4) day ten (10) hour schedule to begin on June 11, 2007.
 - g) Mr. Polce and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from Highland Engineering on behalf of Don Nemith Builders requesting a waiver on specific elements for upgrade to Ski Harbor Road. The Board decided to take this request under advisement and review with the Department of Planning and Land Development prior to taking official action.

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded a recommendation of bid award for high track-type dozer (bid #07-0405) to Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company for the cost of \$149,447.
5. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services, reviewed the following matters with the Board of County Commissioners:
 - a) Cell #3 Project Closeout to include costs at the Landfill. A summary of this issue was distributed to the Board prior to this session outlining the basis for this matter. The Department recommended approval of payments to the contractor (Beitzel Corporation) with the exception of a claim of \$79,488 owed to the contractor due to construction deficiencies. The Department also recommended withholding a portion of payment due to Maryland Environmental Service. An explanation of both financial issues is detailed in a project expense summary.
 - b) A brief update of recycling to include the proposed Recycling Center.
6. Sheriff Gary Berkebile met with the Board of County Commissioners to review a request for additional staffing for Fiscal Year 2008 specifically for two (2) school resource officers. Sheriff Berkebile presented an overview of the program to include the rationale for nationwide school resource officers. Sheriff's Department officers and Garrett County Board of Education staff were in attendance to support the funding of these positions and spoke in support of the implementation of the program. The Board will take this request and justification presented under advisement.
7. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
8. 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. Mr. Mullich reviewed his response to Taylor Companies Flight Department on the issue of corporate hangar space at the Garrett County Airport. The Board of County Commissioners was in agreement with the opinion of Mr. Mullich outlined in his April 2, 2007 letter to Taylor Companies.

3. Mr. Mullich and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed an option to not relocate the 911 Emergency Dispatch Office at the new Public Safety Center. The cost of moving emergency communication equipment, towers, and other Verizon equipment required to relocate. The Board of County Commissioners agreed with this recommendation and instructed Mr. Mullich to proceed with planning under this location option.
4. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Petition to the Maryland Community Colleges documenting the Board of County Commissioners approval for Garrett College's capital release of funds.
5. A recommendation to appoint John Hill to the Garrett County Airport Advisory Commission was reviewed. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Commissioner Glotfelty, approved this appointment. An official letter of appointment outlining the terms of the appointment will be sent to Mr. Hill under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, appointed Jeffrey McCauley and Jeremy Thayer to the Board of Directors of Tri-County Council of Western Maryland as Garrett County Member-At-Large representatives. Official letters of appointment outlining the terms of the appointment will be sent to Mr. McCauley and Mr. Thayer under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
7. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from the Mayor and Town Council of Kitzmiller requesting a waiver of all water and sewer costs for the public section of the Kitzmiller Company Store and Visitors Center and a waiver of all water and sewer connection fees for the Center Street In-Fill Housing Project. This request is in lieu of a tax differential setoff for Fiscal Year 2008.
8. The Board of County Commissioners; the Mayor and Town Council; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; and James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development discussed the plan for conducting the April 12, 2007 meeting on the subject of the Oakland Bypass. Later in the day, a conference call was conducted with the Secretary of the State of Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration, the Mayor and Town Council, and the Board.
9. The Board of County Commissioners; Mr. Mullich; Mr. Hinebaugh; and Mr. Nelson reviewed the total costs associated with improvements to the roadway from Route 219 to the property owned by Mark Folk. The County had made significant

improvements to this road based on plans to locate the Exhibit Trade Center on this site but plans have been changed to construct the facility at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. The Board will schedule a meeting to further discuss this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date