

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 29, 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 Agenda for May 29, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 22, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by 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, issued a Proclamation designating the week of May 28 to June 3, 2007 as "Celtic Week" and proclaimed the 20th Anniversary of the McHenry Highland Festival to be held as a memorial to Judge Frederick A. Thayer, III.
4. The Board of County Commissioner recognized and honored Crellin Elementary School students and staff upon winning the 2006 President's Environmental Youth Award for the Environmental Education Lab Project. Students and staff were in attendance for this recognition and presentation.
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the monthly department head staff meeting. In attendance were representatives from the following departments, agencies, and offices:
 - a) Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
 - b) Garrett County Extension Service
 - c) Board of Election Supervisors
 - d) Chamber of Commerce

- e) Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.
- f) Department of Public Utilities
- g) Department of General Services
- h) Health Department
- i) Department of Planning and Land Development
- j) Department of Social Services

6. In furtherance of the Public Hearing conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on May 15, 2007 to receive public commentary on a proposal submitted by the Garrett County Planning Commission that would amend the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance to control the location, display, and frequency of changing messages on LED, LCD, and Scrolling Message Signs. On that date the Board had agreed to leave the public commentary record open for a two (2) week period.

Chairman Gregg read a letter into the record from Vianne Bell on this matter; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development presented revised amendments submitted by the Garrett County Planning Commission; Robert Browning, a member of the Deep Creek Watershed Board of Zoning Appeals, spoke on behalf of the Board and expressed an opinion of opposition to any amendment to the existing Ordinance; and Charlie Ross, President of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce expressed the opinion of the Chamber that was in opposition to proposed amendments as drafted.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Glotfelty approved and executed a Resolution noting the amendments as follows.

LED, LCD and Scrolling Message Signs

Amend the Zoning Ordinance to control the location, display and frequency of changing messages on LED, LCD and Scrolling Message Signs by adding a new Section 704F as follows:

Section 704F – Special Provisions for Light Emitting Diode (LED), Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) and Scrolling Message Signs.

1. *LED, LCD and Scrolling Message signs shall be permitted for accessory on-premises uses pursuant to the provisions of Section 304E.21.b Table of Use Regulations and Section 707.C, Permitted Advertising Signs Accessory to On-Premise Uses. On-premises LED, LCD and Scrolling Message signs shall be subject to the following additional standards and limitations:*

- a. *All such signs shall be limited to a single color and changing or toggling between colors is not permitted.*
 - b. *Reverse lighting images having illuminated backgrounds with non-illuminated messages are not permitted on such signs.*
 - c. *The illuminated portion of any LED, LCD and Scrolling Message sign shall not exceed 25% of the total area at any given time.*
 - d. *The illusion of motion of any type shall not be permitted on such signs.*
 - e. *No flashing illuminations of the sign shall be permitted; single line message signs shall not change messages more frequently than one-second intervals and multiple line message signs shall not change messages more frequently than four-second intervals.*
2. *LED, LCD and Scrolling Message signs may be permitted for off-premise uses by special exception only in the TC and CR-1 zoning districts and shall not be permitted in any other zoning district. Off-premise LED, LCD and Scrolling Message signs shall be subject to the provisions of Section 704F.1.a through Section 704F.1.e above and Section 708, Signs Relating to Off-Premises Uses and messages on such off-premises signs shall not change more frequently than one-hour intervals.*
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, re-appointed Brenda McDonnell and Michael Voelkel to the Garrett County Health Planning Council. Official letters of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg outlining terms of appointment will be sent to appointees.
 8. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Prior to the beginning of the Public Session, the Board of County Commissioners met with Mr. Ross to address several matters to include payment to Appalachian Regional Commission matching funds, status of Heritage Management Plan grant funding, and a request for funding for Garrett Tourism Research Project.
2. Mr. Nelson met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the following matters:

- a) A request from Garrett County Community Action Committee for a waiver on all building permits for the Transit Facility to be constructed at the Garrett County Public Works Center. Consistent with past practice, Commissioner Holliday entered a motion to waive permit fees with the exception that Community Action (as a non-profit agency) pay for inspection service fees. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
 - b) Request by William Saltysiak, Attorney for the Department of Planning and Land Development – Licensing and Enforcement Division, that the Board create a five (5) member Licensing and Enforcement Board of Appeals as called for in the Licensing Ordinance. Mr. Nelson will provide names of recommended members to the Board for consideration.
 - c) Mr. Nelson presented potential projects and concerns for Garrett County that will be discussed during the Secretary of Transportation 2007 Annual Tour. The Board continues to identify the entire US 219 Corridor as a high priority for both project planning and capital construction projects. A letter to the Maryland Department of Planning was executed by the Board outlining all potential projects
3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date