

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 7, 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 August 7, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 31, 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, approved and proclaimed the week of August 5 – 11, 2007 as “National Health Center Week” in Garrett County. The Board further resolved that Garrett County does hereby recognize the growing contributions of the Mountain Laurel Medical Center.
4. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Hazardous material exercise to be scheduled.
 - b) Decontamination training will be provided in conjunction with Allegany County.
 - c) Final draft of Length of Service Award Program has been forwarded to the county attorney.
 - d) Update on radio communication tower survey, funding upgrade, and completion timeline for Thayerville, Eagle Rock, and Grantsville.
 - e) Other departmental matters.

5. Rodney Glotfelty, County Health Officer, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Maryland Rural Health Plan. This plan was developed to address the challenges of providing quality health care services and delivery to rural Maryland. Mr. Glotfelty explained that efforts to address health care disparities in rural areas are often made difficult by struggling economies, limited financial and human resources.
6. The Board of County Commissioners met with representatives from the Garrett County Forestry Board, staff from the Garrett County Extension Service, and Robert Tichenor, representing the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture Division of Pest Management to discuss the gypsy moth infestation problem in Garrett County. A power point presentation was shown that showed the defoliation. Additional/future year funding options were also discussed.
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. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed a letter that supplements the Master Agreement dated April 25, 1978 between the State Highway Administration and the Board of Garrett County Commissioners. The project included in the letter involves the construction of an access road from a State road (National Highway, US 40A) to the existing Hershberger Lane, Grantsville.
3. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development presented a recommendation for the Board of County Commissioners approval for a Water Resources Element for the 2008 Garrett County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed scope and budget totals \$23,792. The Board agreed to this recommendation that was required as a result of Maryland House Bill 1141 whereby each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan must now include a Water Resources Element. Specifics of this issue are outlined in a letter to Mr. Nelson from Environmental Resources Management.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners