

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 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 and one (1) deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2007. The session with Raymond Skinner, Secretary, State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. was cancelled. Secretary Skinner was called back to Annapolis by the Governor to prepare for a special session of the Maryland General Assembly.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of October 9, 2007 and Administrative Meeting of October 16, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management updated the Board on the following issues:
 - a) Issues related to paid emergency pre-hospital care
 - b) Completion of countywide hazardous preparedness exercise
 - c) Emergency Numbers Board inspection was undertaken
 - d) Homeland security funding and expenditure update
 - e) Notification of next Emergency Services Board meeting
 - f) Presented Steve Kestner, Allegany County Emergency Services Coordinator and Allison Northcraft, Allegany/Garrett Recruitment & Retention Coordinator to the Board of County Commissioners. These individuals addressed public safety and emergency service issues relative to paid personnel, response time, and recruitment/retention.

4. Public Commentary. None on this date.
5. 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. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners met with Sheriff Gary Berkebile; Chief Deputy Major Randy Resh; Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; Mr. Frantz; Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; and Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services to discuss the location of the Department of Emergency Management and Sheriff's Department dispatch personnel. After much deliberation and based on a number of factors to include estimated cost for relocation of equipment, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, determined to keep the 911 Dispatch Center at the present location.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt requested that the Board of County Commissioners review notification by the Board of Education that the lowest responsible bid received for the renovation of Grantsville Elementary School was \$1,119,603 over budget. Ms. Yoder and Mr. Weeks were also in attendance for this session. After much deliberation, to include a telephone conversation with James Thomas, Board of Education Director of Facilities/ Maintenance/Operations, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Glotfelty, agreed to additional funding of \$1,015,303. (A deduction of \$104,300 was approved as part of this total which will be included in Fiscal Year 2009).
4. The Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Pagenhardt, Ms. Yoder, and Mr. Weeks reviewed a request by Garrett College on the directorship of the Community Athletic Recreation Center whereby the County would provide funding for this position as part of the previously approved \$1.2 million operating cost of the facility. The Board took this matter under advisement prior to a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, to inform the College that this request should be included as part of Fiscal Year 2009 Budget request.

5. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a memorandum from Circuit Court Judge James Sherbin requesting that the Board reconsider their decision to reject a State of Maryland grant of \$62,000 for Court House security. As noted at the time of the initial review, the Board reviewed this issue and decided that conditions of the grant that require additional funding to be directed to renovation or construction of the Frederick A. Thayer, III Court House or County Administrative Building were not practical. The Board will not change their earlier decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date