

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
November 25, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg
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 November 25, 2008. Mr. Pagenhardt noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of November 13, 2008 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Glotfelty. Commissioner Holliday was not in attendance for the November 13th meeting.
3. Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. briefed the Board of County Commissioners on budgetary matters relative to public transportation. The State Department of Transportation informed Community Action that \$118,000 in approved funding will be eliminated from the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Mr. Yoder reviewed certain/targeted reductions the agency would implement immediately to include certain routes and associated overtime.
4. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating the week of December 7 to 14, 2008 as "Garrett County House of Hope Week".
5. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating December 1, 2008 as "World AIDS Day". The Board also listened to a presentation by Pandora's Box.
6. Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities distributed a summary and updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Crellin Water Improvements

- b) McHenry Water
 - c) Mountain Lake Water Improvements
 - d) Thayerville Water System
 - e) Deep Creek Lake Sewer Western Conveyance System
 - f) Friendsville Sewer Inflow and Infiltration
 - g) Radio Frequency Automatic Meter Reading System
 - h) Water and Sewerage Master Plan
 - i) Safety Training and Equipment
 - j) Centrifuge (at Deep Creek Lake Treatment Plant)
 - k) Other issues pending and planned issues to include new Maintenance Facility.
7. The Board of County Commissioners addressed Garrett County Government Department Heads and Agency Supervisors/Directors on the issue of budgetary and financial matters for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010. Chairman Glotfelty announced and requested that every department/agency be very conscious of pending budget shortfalls and present for approval a budget request for Fiscal Year 2010 that is equal to that of Fiscal Year 2009.
8. Kermit Yoder expressed his opinion on issues related to animal control and the Garrett County Humane Society.
9. Public Commentary. None on this date.
10. 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, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved a request for transfer of two (2) equivalent residential units for Karin Yoder from Map 18, Parcel 8 to Map 18, Parcel 291.
3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request for funding assistance from the Oakland Mayor and Town Council for continued efforts of crow depredation. The Board had previously appropriated \$3,000 for this purpose. On this date the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty approved an appropriation of \$3,000 to be taken out of Fiscal Year 2008 Health Department surplus funds returned to the County.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman

Glotfelty re-appointed George Bishoff, Carolyn Ganoë, Charles Mason, and Hoover Myers to the Garrett County Ag Preservation Board. The same motion appointed Carl Bender as a member. (Mr. Bender was previously an alternate member). Official letters of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Glotfelty.

5. Chairman Glotfelty and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a Memorandum of Understanding for continued administration of the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program between the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and the Board of County Commissioners.
6. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed the issue of past due sewer service payment for Silver Tree Enterprises. The amount due is over \$50,000. Efforts by the Department of Public Utilities to negotiate this payment to include amortization and partial payment have been repeatedly ignored by Silver Tree Enterprises. (Payment is past due on two (2) accounts – Silver Tree Restaurant and Silver Tree Suites).

The County Attorney sent an official notice to Silver Tree Enterprises that the total payment must be paid by December 1, 2008 or service would be terminated. On November 24, 2008, Mr. Pagenhardt spoke with a representative from Silver Tree Enterprises who stated that they would submit \$5,000 immediately towards the amount due and would also request consideration for the abatement or reduction of principal, interest and penalties. Mr. Pagenhardt notified the representative from Silver Tree Enterprises that there would be no reduction for the principal/service expense and based on the total lack of cooperation/communication by Silver Tree Enterprises but he would present a request for the abatement of interest and penalties.

On this date the Board unanimously agreed to extend the date for total payment until January 1, 2009 only if the \$5,000 was received. Also there would be no reduction/negotiation of interest and penalties. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the County Attorney to extend this decision to Silver Tree Enterprises and the Department of Public Utilities.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date