

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 31, 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Frederick A. Holliday*  
*Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty*  
*Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg*

*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 for March 31, 2009. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 17, 2009 and Administrative Session of March 24, 2009 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday.
3. The Board of County Commissioners recognized a Proclamation from Governor O'Malley designating April 1, 2009 as "Arbor Day".
4. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners for Contractual Mowing (bid #09-0319M). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, awarded bids to the following contractors. Pleasant Valley Lawn Care for \$24,789 (twenty-five sites) and Gearhart Property Services for \$13,320 (twenty sites). A copy of all County locations/sites is on file with the Purchasing Department.
5. The Purchasing Department presented a Recommendation for Award to the Board of County Commissioners for Preparation of Revised Land Development Ordinances Including: Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance, Garrett County Subdivision Ordinance, and Garrett County Sensitive Areas Ordinance (RFP #09-0310L). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner

Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, approved an award to Environmental Resources Management for \$84,506.

6. Due to family considerations Chairman Holliday resigned as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners effective immediately. Commissioner Glotfelty and Commissioner Gregg agreed that Commissioner Glotfelty would assume this designation until December of 2009 and then Commissioner Gregg would assume this designation from December 2009 until the end of the term of office.
7. Public Commentary. None of this date.
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 Call to Order of the Public Session the Board of County Commissioners met with Sheriff Berkebile to discuss the following issues:
  - a) Potential sites for a Sheriff's Department Shooting Range. The Board will continue to take this matter under advisement.
  - b) Discussion and request by Sheriff Berkebile to relocate the Sheriff's Department Administrative Offices to the Garrett Highway prior location of the County Roads Department. The Board will not pursue this proposal and will proceed with the sale of this property for commercial purposes.
  - c) Sheriff Berkebile requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve grant funding for an additional law enforcement officer. This Board will not agree to pursuing grant funding which would have a three (3) year employment commitment at the end of the grant period.
  - d) Other related issues.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities; Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services; and James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to discuss the easement process for negotiating a right-of-easement between the County and Jonathan Kessler. The Board agreed to proceed with the legal eminent domain process and will direct the county attorney to initiate this as soon as possible. Mr. Mullich will be the responsible department head on this matter.

4. The Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Mullich, Mr. Hinebaugh, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Lindsey discussed past due accounts for Thousand Acres Development. The Board was insistent that all past due inactive accounts be brought up-to-date immediately. The Board also directed staff to schedule a time with legal counsel to look at all requirements related to a request by Thousand Acres Development to return equivalent residential units.
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Mr. Hinebaugh, Mr. Mullich; Dwight Emory, County Engineer, County Roads Department; and Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services to discuss potentially road projects eligible under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Requested paving projects for Fiscal Year 2010 were also reviewed to evaluate projects that are eligible under ARRA (Sand Flat Road, Glendale Road and New Germany Road). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, agreed to designate New Germany Road as the principal road to be submitted for funding. Consideration was also discussed for local municipality funding distribution.
6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty appointed Paul Harvey (employee representative) and re-appointed Donald Stemple (three-year term) and Betty Wolford (two-year term) to the Garrett County Government Civil Service Board. Official letters of appointment will be sent to each representative under the signature of Chairman Glotfelty.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date