

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
August 24, 2010

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 there was one amendment to the agenda for August 24, 2010. The departmental update for the Department of Economic Development was cancelled and an Executive Session will be conducted at that time. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of August 3, 2010 and Administrative Session of August 17, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Status of statewide program and administrative reductions for Fiscal Year 2011.
 - b) Continuation of one Partners After School Program for Fiscal Year 2011 and a review of a comparison report of Maryland Student Assessment results for Fiscal Years 2007-2009 for students served by the Program.
 - c) Notification that the agency has two vacancies on the Local Management Board.
 - d) Other agency matters.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development matters. The same motion moved back into Public Session.
5. Dwayne Kitis, Region I Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) Coordinator, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on issues relative to countywide fire and emergency medical services. Members of the Emergency Services Board and Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management were in attendance for this session.

6. Town of Friendsville Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle and members of the Town Council spoke about the whitewater takeout area of the Town and requested that the Board of County Commissioners allow a percentage of collected County Admissions and Amusement Tax be directed/remain with the Town. The Code of Ordinances of Garrett County reads that the Board of County Commissioners shall levy a tax at the rate of 4 ½ % of the gross receipts of every person, firm, or corporation derived from the amounts charged. Town officials also spoke about other traffic and safety matters as a result of rafters and kayakers who use the Youghiogheny River. The Board will provide assistance to the Town with designing traffic signage and suggested that the Town contact the Sheriff's Department on violations of traffic control and parking.
7. Public Commentary. None on 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.
9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, again moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss economic development matters.

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 Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved and authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a Resolution sponsoring the submittal of a grant application to the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the acquisition and development of the McHenry Business Park, endorsing the financing of the project, authorizing the execution of the grant agreement by the Board, and authorizing \$458,000 in matching County funds toward the project.
3. Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss issues related to the Crellin Water Sanitary District, specifically the Richard White property. Relevant documentation is on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Public Utilities.
4. John Braskey, State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development met with the Board of County Commissioners to notify the Board that the State has an interest in acquiring 258 acres (Map 43, Part of Parcel 29) from the Casselman Basin Coal Company for \$500,000. Consistent with State law, the Board must grant approval to the State for any purchase over 100 acres. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the State acquisition. Mr. Nelson will respond to the Department of Natural Resources indicating the determination by

the Board.

5. The Board of County Commissioners met with James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development, and Richard MacLennan, President, Garrett College to discuss issues related to the Garrett County Scholarship Program. Dr. MacLennan and Mr. Hinebaugh had previously met to discuss the Garrett County Scholarship Program and to address the issue on how to handle non-public/non-state approved school applicants. It was the consensus of that meeting to evaluate a way to simplify the eligibility and acceptance process. Under the current guidelines, students who are not graduates of the two County public high schools, a state approved home school, or a state approved private school are required to take and pass the GED before being accepted into the Scholarship Program. As it stands now, anyone that does not have a high school diploma who wishes to enroll in an academic program at Garrett College is required to take a test to determine their "ability to benefit" from taking classes. One condition of the Scholarship Program is that all applicants must apply for other available financial assistance, including Federal financial aid, before they can receive Scholarship Program financial assistance. Before non-high school graduates can apply for Federal financial assistance, they must take and pass the ability to benefit exam. It was recommended to the Board that program guidelines not include a requirement for non-state approved graduates to take the GED and simply require that prospective student to take the Ability To Benefit Exam that also serves as the placement exam. This would streamline the comprehensive eligibility process.

Commissioner Holliday entered a motion to accept the recommendation as presented on this date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. The Board asked Mr. Hinebaugh and Dr. MacLennan to continue to review the non-credit provisions of the Program.

6. The Board of County Commissioners met with Health Officer Rodney Glotfelty, who also represented the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families Local Management Board, to discuss the funding predicament of Partners After School Program that was address in #3 of this Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to an agency update with the Garrett County Partnership for Children and Families and after a review of available Garrett County Health Department carryover funds, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to appropriate \$110,000 to the Partners After School Program. The Partnership had informed the Board that funding to continue programs was not approved for this fiscal year. As proposed, this funding could be directed to afterschool programs at Accident Elementary School and Southern Garrett Middle School, to include combined programs for Dennett Road Elementary School, Yough Glades Elementary School, and Broad Ford Elementary School. Approval for redirection of the Local Management Board Community Partnership Agreement funds is also being sought to continue operation of the Grantsville site bringing the total number of after school locations to three. The After School Advisory committee and the Local Management Board will make final program design decisions in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners