

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
January 4, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Gregan T. Crawford
Commissioner Robert G. Gatto
Commissioner James M. Raley

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 the scheduled public session with the Garrett County Snowmobile Club had been postponed. In addition, public commentary time requested by Steven Friend on this date had been rescheduled for the January 20, 2011 Public Meeting. There were no other additions or deletions for the January 4, 2011 Public Meeting. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative and executive sessions on this date.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for December 21, 2010, Executive Session Minutes for December 21, 2010, and Administrative Session Minutes for December 28, 2010.
3. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
4. Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities briefed/updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following projects: (a brief project summary was distributed).
 - a) Mountain Lake Water Improvements
 - b) Thayerville Water System
 - c) Friendsville Sewer Inflow and Infiltration
 - d) Deep Creek Lake Western Conveyance
 - e) McHenry Water System
 - f) Maryland Department of the Environment Funding Cycle
 - g) Status of septic odor issues with the Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment System
 - h) Other departmental matters
5. Jay Moyer, General Superintendent, County Roads Department briefed/updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Year-to-date budget/cost report to include overtime hours worked, projected cost increases, vehicle/maintenance costs, and other expenditures

- b) County Engineer Dwight Emory updated the Board on County bridge maintenance, repair, and replacement projects
 - c) Cost saving purchasing agreements with municipalities
 - d) Update/status of Glendale Road/Route 219 Intersection
 - e) Other departmental matters
6. Leanne Mazer, Executive Director, Tri County Council for Western Maryland briefed the Board of County Commissioners on matters relative to the relationship Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties have with the Council. James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services; and Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services were in attendance for this session. The Board of County Commissioners will need to appoint 2 (or re-appoint current members) private citizens to the Council.
 7. The Board of County Commissioners announced that Cynthia Downton was appointed as the Garrett County Board of Education Member at Large to complete the unexpired term of office of Commissioner Raley. The Board had taken this matter under advisement for several weeks and during Administrative Session on December 28, 2010, approved this appointment. Chairman Crawford presented a brief overview of Ms. Downton's credentials and qualifications.
 8. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development to discuss issues pertinent to the Garrett County Sensitive Areas Ordinance including endangered species habitat areas. At this time the Department is prepared to issue a Conditional Use Permit to Constellation Energy for the Criterion Wind Project who have met all County regulatory requirements. The Incidental Take Permit is under the jurisdiction of federal law and affects only species listed on the federal list of rare, threatened, and endangered species.
 9. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, 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 ended the Executive Session and the Board moved back into Public Session.
 10. The Board of County Commissioners met with Eric Robison and Paul Roberts who expressed their opinion on issues related to natural gas drilling in Garrett County to include the Marcellus Shale Advisory Committee appointed by the previous Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Hinebaugh; John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development; Mikal Zimmerman, Educational Program Associate, Maryland Extension; and Cheryl DeBerry, Natural Resources Development Specialist, Department of Economic Development were in attendance for this session.

Viewpoints were provided independently by each Board of County Commissioner; Ms. Zimmerman; Willie Lantz, Maryland Extension; business owner/resident Janna Naylor; Nicole Christian, Executive Director, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce; Mountain Lake Park Mayor Leo Martin; and others were in attendance.

The Board will continue to receive and provide input on this subject and another informational session will be scheduled/conducted during the Public Meeting on January 20, 2011.

11. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for December 21, 2010 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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In attendance for this session was James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development and Gorman Getty, County Attorney. Points of discussion, distribution, and review were:

- a) Mr. Hinebaugh, at the request of Commissioner Raley, briefed the Board on financial and operational matters related to Adventure Sports Center International. The Board has an on-site meeting scheduled for December 28. Mr. Getty and Mr. Pagenhardt provided input on financial and County funding appropriations.
- b) Chairman Crawford, Mr. Getty, and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a final closing document agreement for the sale of County property to Clear Mountain Bank.
- c) Discussion on Central Garrett Industrial Park.
- d) Discussion on County Government property on Third Street in Oakland (former site of the County Roads Department) that is currently being marketing for sale.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative correspondence and other matters with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed appointments to the Board of Governors of Garrett County Memorial Hospital.
3. Commissioner Gatto announced that Caroline Robison will serve as his appointment on the County Commissioner District 3 to the Garrett County Animal Issues Advisory Commission. An official letter of appointment outlining the terms of this appointment will be sent to Ms. Robison under the signature of Chairman Crawford.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Commissioner Gatto, re-appointed Jeremy Thayer and Jeffrey McCauley to the Board of Directors of Tri County Council of Western Maryland. Official letters of appointment outlining the terms of appointment will be sent to Mr. Thayer and Mr. McCauley under the signature of Chairman Crawford.
5. Chairman Crawford and Commissioner Gatto will attend the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Winter Conference that will be held January 5, 6, and 7 in Cambridge, Maryland.

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Gregan T. Crawford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners