

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
March 1, 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 there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for March 1, 2011. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gatto, which was seconded by Commissioner Raley, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2011, Executive Minutes for February 24, 2011, and Administrative Minutes for February 24, 2011.
3. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating March 2011 as "American Red Cross Month".
4. Frank Shap, Assistant Director, Department of Economic Development briefed the Board of County Commissioners on broadband internet service plans for Garrett County and the proposed fiber network. Mr. Shap explained the grant funding background and connection infrastructure plan. Following are high points of this presentation:
 - a) MD ARRA Grant Status
 - \$115M grant to MD, approx \$35M State match, announced 9/2010
 - Final configuration due within next week or two.
 - b) Garrett County fiber backbone proposal
 - Presented requested modifications to State, add fiber to McHenry Business Park, add fiber along Memorial Drive to Hospital, Health Dept, and Broad Ford Elementary School and Southern Middle School. Delete fiber run on 219 South to Swan Meadow School.
 - Add fiber run to Crellin on Route 39.
 - Prioritized additional fiber routes to be considered as expansion to be built with grant/County/private funding.
 - c) Garrett County critical facilities

- 33 County facilities included in State grant, schools (not all), County government, libraries, Community Action, State offices.
- d) Skyline Network Engineering Meeting 1/7/2011
- Reviewed State grant and what is included for Garrett County.
 - Proposed revisions/additions/deletions.
 - Discussed how County could work with State/Skyline Network Engineering to add additional facilities.
 - Agreed to communicate weekly, and meet again in February/March.
 - Meeting scheduled for March 7 in Oakland.
- e) Bloosurf LLC meeting 2/8/2011
- Bloosurf LLC has designed and deployed high speed wireless network solution in lower Eastern Shore. Has received USDA grant/loans.
 - Met to discuss how Garrett County can leverage the One MD broadband fiber ring to expand coverage to meet 90% broadband availability by 2014.
 - Will work to develop a Statement of Work for a detailed engineering/technical analysis and business operational plan for County network to meet 90% goal. May be able to use ARC/County match funds to pay for study.
 - Next meeting scheduled for March 2, conference call.
- f) Broadband Working Group Meeting 2/24/2011
- Formed County Broadband Working Group in late 2010.
 - Membership from Government, Education, Hospital, College, Chamber, Public Safety, Community Action, Health Department.
 - Reviewed Grant status, explained proposed fiber ring, asked for suggestions, agreed to keep Group involved and informed.
 - Will add private citizens and IT business representation to Group.
- g) Next Steps
- Finalize State grant configuration
 - Develop ARC grant proposal to fund technical/engineering/business study referenced above.
 - Brief Commissioners within the next 2-3 months.
5. Brad Frantz, Director, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters. Virginia Smith, Planner, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management and Erica Mowbray, Regional Administrator, Maryland Emergency Management Administration was in attendance for this session.
- a) Ms. Smith discussed planning and grants administrative aspects of her responsibility.
 - b) Ms. Mowbray outlined her responsibilities in providing emergency management services to the Western Maryland Region and specifically, Garrett County.
 - c) Update on planning initiatives; grants management; local emergency planning committee; exercise and training activities; and emergency services clubs.
 - d) 9-1-1 Communications consolidation project and staff training.
 - e) Emergency Medical Services update.
 - f) Other departmental matters of interest.

- g) Questions were asked by the media about the recent Reverse 911 Call Process put in place as a result of the inmate escape from the Garrett County Detention Center.
6. DaVina Griffith, Risk Manager, Office of Human Resources reviewed a proposed Safety Footwear Policy with the Board of County Commissioners. The presentation included the actual cost the accidents of this nature.
 7. The Garrett County Arts Council presented the Board of County Commissioners with an overview of their organization and submitted their Fiscal Year 2012 Budget request for funding. The Council used a power point presentation to demonstrate the history, goals, mission, arts in education, fundraising, artistic collaborations, and activities since the inception of the organization. The Council requested a continuation of funding at the same level for Fiscal Year 2012 (\$12,500).
 8. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award for Replacement of Air-Cooled Chiller Units (bid #11-0120) for the Garrett County Board of Education – M&T Bank Building. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, approved an award to Beitzel Corporation for \$57,000.00.
 9. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
 10. Public Commentary. Bill Meagher spoke in his capacity as a Member of the State Chamber of Commerce on a number of legislative matters; specifically legislation on septic systems entitled HB 1107/SB 846 Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2011.
 11. The Board of County Commissioners toured the Garrett County Master's Court and was briefed by Master's Judge Daryl Walters.
 12. The Board of County Commissioners attended a briefing and luncheon conducted by the University of Maryland Extension.
 13. The Board of County Commissioners visited the Constellation Criterion – Eagle Rock Wind Project. Constellation had requested that the Board tour the turbine and substation locations to gain an understanding of the operation of the project and the economic impact to the Garrett County.
 14. The Bloomington Elementary School Advisory Committee met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their opinion on the proposal by the Garrett County Board of Education to close Bloomington Elementary School.
 15. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 24, 2011 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. 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 personnel matters. The

same motion ended the Executive Session. All matters discussed during this session will remain confidential and will not be disclosed for public review.

The Board of County Commissioners attended the monthly public meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Loch Lynn Heights. The meeting was scheduled as part of the Board's annual tax differential requirement.

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, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, approved a real property tax exemption for Avilton Community Association for Fiscal Year 2012.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Gregan T. Crawford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date