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**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**April 5, 2011**

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4. Mr. Moyer and Mr. Emory met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss project plans and funding for the replacement of the Swallow Falls Bridge.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Raley, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Crawford, re-appointed Betty Wolford to a 2-year term on the Garrett County Government Civil Service Board. An official letter of appointment will be sent to Ms. Wolford under the signature of Chairman Crawford.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Gegan T. Crawford, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date