

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
May 31, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman James M. Raley

Commissioner Gregan T. Crawford

Commissioner Robert G. Gatto

R. Lamont Pagenhardt, County Administrator

1. Chairman Raley attended the Sustainable Transformation of the Appalachian Region (STAR) meeting. This is a series of sessions sponsored by the National Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland Extension, and The Greater Cumberland Committee. The primary objective of this project is to assure that the economic development interests of Western Maryland are incorporated in PlanMaryland, the state's first state development plan.
2. Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services met with the Board of County Commissioners to review St. Paul's United Methodist Church parking lot lease which is up for renewal on July 1, 2012. The Board directed Mr. Weeks to negotiate a more equitable lease agreement, one that is comparable to other public and private sector leases.
3. The Board of County Commissioners met with Michael Koch, principal with KSC Now who has been retained to facilitate the Garrett County Branding Study.
4. Members of the Board of Trustees and staff with The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss issues related to the Kitzmiller Branch of the Library System and the decision by the Elected Board of Education to close Kitzmiller Elementary School.
5. Mr. Pagenhardt and John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development presented for review a number of properties the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources will purchase with Program Open Space bond funds. These included the following:
 - a) Savage River Road (tax map 45, grid 24, parcel 32). Owings Property – 113.47 acres. This parcel is over 100 acres and therefore requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners. The Board agreed to this purchase but will include language whereby the County and the State will enter into dialog to address other matters of mutual concern and interest.
 - b) N/O Folly Run Potomac (tax map 76, grid 6, parcel 5). Slaughter Property – 6.47 acres. This parcel is less than 100 acres and the Board of County Commissioners does not need to grant approval of purchase. This purchase requires no action or reply and the Board will have none.
6. Mr. Pagenhardt and Mr. Nelson requested that the Board of County Commissioners provide direction on how they would like to proceed with the process of approval of the Draft Land Management Ordinance. The Board had previously determined to set a 45 day public review and commentary period for the Draft Ordinance and this review period will end on June 15. The Board will announce, as part of the June 5, 2012 Public Meeting, plans for future public discussion and hearings on this matter.

7. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a *Public Hearing* to review a proposal submitted by Bill Meagher to amend the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, Mr. Meagher is requesting an amendment to the Table of Use Regulations to add a new category to use under Section 157.024 (c) 23 for "Boat Rental as a separate service business and not offering any other services associated with a marina". The proposal also includes an amendment to the Table of Dimensional Requirements for Principal Uses, Section 157.041 (c) 10 to read "Sale or rental of recreational vehicles, including boat rental as a separate service business". The use would require a minimum land area of 10,000 square feet in any districts where it is permitted.

Written commentary to include an opinion from the Planning Commission was noted and entered into the public hearing record. On this date and part of the *Public Hearing*, public commentary from a number of parties was received and taken under advisement and review by the Board.

The Board of County Commissioners on a motion by Commissioner Crawford, which was seconded by Commissioner Gatto, and made unanimous by Chairman Raley, closed the *Public Hearing* and determined to keep the public commentary record open until 8:00 AM on June 5, 2012.

Commissioner Crawford departed the Administrative Session at this point of the agenda.

8. The Board of County Commissioners met with community residents from the Town of Kitzmiller to discuss the feasibility of using the Kitzmiller Elementary School as a community center. Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee and representatives from The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County were in attendance for this session. Chairman Raley expressed his appreciation to those in attendance and explained that this discussion was premature in that a definitive date for transfer of ownership from the Board of Education to the Board of County Commissioners has not been set. Mr. Yoder stated that Community Action will work very closely with the Town and the County to finalize a mutually beneficial use.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

James M. Raley, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date