

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2002**

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg, Jr.
Commissioner Wendell R. Beitzel
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 that there were no additions or deletions to the Public Session agenda for January 15, 2002.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 8, 2002, Executive Session of January 8, 2002, and Administrative Session of January 10, 2002 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for January 8, 2001 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners had moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.
4. Sheriff Dick Sanders met with the Board of County Commissioners to present a brief overview and update of issues related to the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center. The following areas were addressed and reviewed:
 - ∇ Sheriff Sanders publicly expressed his appreciation to the Board and Mr. Pagenhardt for the action taken to implement a self-funded pension plan for employees in the Department and Detention Center.
 - ∇ Report on budget year-to-date actual expenditures
 - ∇ Outline of inmate labor projects and work release programs
 - ∇ A listing of County law enforcement services that may parallel those of the Town of Oakland (in furtherance of session later during this public meeting)
 - ∇ Crime statistics for the year 2001 versus 2000
 - ∇ Minor renovations ongoing and completed in the Detention Center
 - ∇ Other general discussion points
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, adopted a resolution that amends a prior resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Garrett County Community Health Center Bond. The actual construction costs are less than originally estimated and the principal

amount of the bond will be reduced to \$3,382,000. The official bond closing will be conducted on January 17, 2002.

6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, 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 legal issues with Gorman Getty, County Attorney. The same motion moved back to public session.
7. The Board of County Commissioners met with officials from the Town of Oakland Mayor and Town Council to discuss a letter of request for a tax differential for Fiscal Year 2003. In attendance for this session was Mr. Getty and legal counsel for the Town from the firm of Funk & Bolton. Mayor Asa McCain informed the Board that the Town was willing to negotiate a long-term resolution to the method for granting a tax differential set-off, a suggestion that the Board decided to take under advisement. After an extensive discussion, it was concluded that the County would negotiate proposal options that would be reviewed by legal counsel and amended, approved or disapproved by the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Gregg, Mr. Pagenhardt, and Wendy Yoder, Director of the Garrett County Department of Financial Services will represent the County.
8. The Procurement Office conducted bid openings for a sport utility vehicle and small size pick-up truck to be assigned to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the bid submitted by Billy Bender Chevrolet for an S-10 pick-up truck, subject to a final review of the bid by the Procurement Office. (Bids were received for both vehicles with a determination of selection to be based on actual price and specifics requirements of the Department. Approval was only granted for the purchase on one (1) vehicle with bids requested for both vehicles for comparison only).
9. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute all bond closing documents for the Garrett County Health Center. All commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt will be in Annapolis on January 17, 2002, the actual bond closing date and the execution of these documents was required. Mr. Getty will conduct the closing on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
10. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beitzel, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an appropriation of acquisition Program Open Space funds in the amount of \$59,716.75. This issue was previously discussed by the Board during the public meeting on January 8, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a telephone conference call with Delegate George Edwards to discuss issues to be addressed in the January 17, 2002 meeting in Annapolis with Charles Fox, State of Maryland Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The Board, Mr. Pagenhardt, and John Nelson,

Director of the Garrett County Department of Planning and Zoning will meet with Secretary Fox and staff personnel from the Department of Natural Resources.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beitzel, which was seconded by Commission Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute all documentation for the following:
 - ∇ One Maryland Economic Development Program application the Interstate 68 Industrial Park. Copy of documents are on file with the Garrett County Department of Economic Development
 - ∇ Line Extension Agreement between the Board of Garrett County Commissioners and Columbia Gas of Maryland regarding natural gas service to the ClosetMaid site in the Northern Garrett Industrial Park
 - ∇ Change Order #2 for the Grantsville/Northern Garrett Industrial Park Water System Improvement Project between the Board of Garrett County Commissioners and Robert D. Beitzel Excavating. Copy of the change order is on file with the Garrett County Department of Economic Development
 - ∇ Responsibility Agreement for use of Garrett County Government Property (Uno's Snowflake Chase - 5 mile run/2 mile walk) issued to Queen City Stridders for January 19, 2001
3. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date