

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 4, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner David C. Beard
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 was one (1) addition and no deletions to the Public Meeting of May 4, 2004. Gary Mullich will present a discussion on hangar rental at the Garrett County Airport.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 27, 2004 and Executive Session of April 27, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, issued a proclamation designating May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month".
4. Brad Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - ⇒ McHenry location for rescue services. Representatives from all rescue associations were in attendance for this session.
 - ⇒ Summary of Domestic Preparedness Grant Programs. Jenny McGann was in attendance to explain her role and responsibilities with the Department and the Programs.
 - ⇒ Other emergency management issues pending at this time.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of executive action on April 20, 2004, presented an update on a recommendation to amend the current water and sewer rate structure, capacity fees, and proposed adoption/implementation of a uniform ad valorem tax rate. Based on the requirement to proceed on engineering, planning, and

construction of a number of water and sewer infrastructure projects, the Board agreed in concept to:

Uniform Water Capacity Fee per ERU (equivalent residential unit)

\$2,800

Uniform Sewer Capacity Fee for Private Residences

\$6,500 for 0.5 to 3.5 bathrooms (1 ERU)

\$13,000 for 4.0 to 6.0 bathrooms (2 ERU's)

\$19,500 for 6.5 to 9.0 bathrooms (3 ERU's)

Uniform Sewer Capacity fee for Commercial Establishments

\$6,500 per ERU based on the Maryland Department of Environment guidelines. Ref. 1984 Deep Creek Sanitary District Sewer Rate Study (October 1984)

Uniform Water Rates

Uniform Minimum - \$54 per quarter

Consumption Usage (over 6,000 gallons) - \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons

Uniform Sewer Rates

<u>Up to 3 bathrooms</u>	\$68 quarterly fee
<u>3.5 to 4.5 bathrooms</u>	\$101 quarterly fee
<u>5.0 to 6.0 bathrooms</u>	\$135 quarterly fee
<u>6.5 to 7.5 bathrooms</u>	\$169 quarterly fee
<u>8 and up bathrooms</u>	\$203 quarterly fee

Uniform Ad Valorem Tax Rate

This issue will be deferred until Fiscal Year 2006 prior to approval and adoption.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved all rate and fees as presented and recommended. An official Resolution was executed that will indicate effective dates for the implementation of all rates.

6. The Board of County Commissioners conducted bid openings for culvert pipe (bid #04-0504C), crushed stone aggregates (bid #04-0504S), and tandem axle off road dump truck (bid #04-0427DT). The Procurement Office prior to an official recommendation of bid award will review all bids received.
7. Carol Riley, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
8. Mr. Mullich met with the Board of County Commissioners on the issue of hangar rental at Garrett County Airport. Robert Browning, who is a current lease of hangar space at

the Airport, was in attendance for this session. Mr. Browning requested that the terms of the new lease proposed by the Board be reevaluated. After a review of the provisions of new lease based on a fifteen (15) year term, the Board agree to adjust the price per square foot in the current lease to \$0.50 for year ones through four; \$0.55 for years five through nine; and \$0.605 for years ten through fifteen.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Prior to the call to order of the Public Session, the Board of County Commissioners met with staff from the Department of Public Utilities to review the scheduled session on water and sewer rate structure, capacity fees, and proposed adoption/implementation of a uniform ad valorem tax rate.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Mr. Mullich reviewed a request from American Legion Post 208 for a supply trailer from the County, which the County received from Army Surplus. The Board agreed to this donation with Mr. Mullich managing all terms of this transfer.
4. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a request from the Oakland Golf Club to remove excess topsoil located or being stockpiled at the Garrett County Health Center. The Board agreed to this request, which will be at no cost to the County for loading or hauling of this.
5. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed an easement agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Timothy S. and Rebecca S. Thomas.
6. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed a lease between the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore and the Board of County Commissioners for usage of the parking lot located at the St. Peter's Catholic Church.
7. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed letter of right to enter into an easement agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Kahl Farm LLC for possible expansion property at the Airport.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Date

By Order of the Board,

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners