

***BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS***  
***PUBLIC MEETING***  
***DECEMBER 14, 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 were no additions or deletions to the public session agenda.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of December 7, 2004 and Administrative Session of December 9, 2004 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing applications for Agricultural Preservation Districts for:
  - a) Robert and Alice Bender. The Planning Commission and Local Ag Land Preservation Committee has reviewed and recommended approval of this application. There was no public commentary on this application as part of the Public Hearing.
  - b) Kahl Farm, LLC. The Planning Commission and Agricultural Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended approval of this application. There was no public commentary on this application as part of the Public Hearing.

Chairman Gregg closed the Public Hearing. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved both applications. The Board executed a letter to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation indicating this executive approval by the Board on this date.

5. The Board of County Commissioners attended a demonstration of a taser deterrent weapon in the Garrett County Sheriff's Department.
6. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development, on behalf of the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Economic Growth and Planning Analysis Study Task Force, presented a final recommendations report. Members of the Task Force appointed by the Board of County Commissioners were in attendance for this session. Louise Conjura, on behalf of the Task Force, presented a recommendation not included in the study that would promote retiree migration that was not included in the study but supported by the majority of the members. Other members provided commentary on specific sections of the study. William Weissgerber, a member of the Task Force specifically expressed his concern with language in the study regulating grandfathered property.

Mr. Nelson recommended that the comprehensive study be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review and input. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, agreed to this recommendation.

7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address financial matters pertaining to the Department of Public Utilities and economic development matters. The same motion moved back into Public Session.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt briefed the Board on a number of personnel and interdepartmental matters. This discussion did not require any action by the Board of County Commissioners with the issues for informational purposes only.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date