

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**JANUARY 10, 2006**

**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 Agenda for January 10, 2006 and also noted issues to be addressed during Administrative Session.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 3, 2006 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) Review of administrative session meeting on this date pertaining to Chet Kelly Bridge.
  - b) Review of request to abandon a section of Pea Ridge Spur Road. The Board agreed with this request with the condition that public access be provided through an agreement between the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the petitioner. Mr. Pagenhardt will convey this determination to the petitioner, Black Lick, LLC.
  - c) Update on year-to-date snow accumulation (68 inches) and snow removal operations.
  - d) Hauling of anti-skid, trimming brush, and drainage work is ongoing when crews are not involved in snow removal.
  - e) Fiscal Year 2007 Budget and Three-Year Road Improvement Plan is underway.

- f) Mr. Pagenhardt and Mr. Polce briefed the Board on the status of a petition for grievance appeal that will be proceeding to arbitration.
4. Charles McCollum, Director, Department of Public Utilities updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) Progress status report for Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project.
  - b) Keyser's Ridge Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - c) Progress status report for Western Conveyance Wastewater Project.
  - d) County Airport Expansion Project.
  - e) Crellin Water Improvement Project
  - f) Mountain Lake Park/Trout Run Wastewater Treatment Plant.
  - g) Thayerville/Mountainside Water Project
  - h) Review of capital upgrades to water service to the Town of Friendsville. A letter from the Mayor and Town Council related to this improvement project was discussed. Mr. McCollum will respond to all issues in this letter on behalf of the Board.
  - i) Status of County Water and Sewer Master Plan, which is past due for completion. Mr. McCollum assured the Board that the completion of this plan would be expedited.
  - j) Mr. Pagenhardt presented a Right of Entry Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources to allow for the drilling of test wells in Savage River State Forest. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt, on behalf of the Board, executed this Agreement.
5. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Elizabeth Shields, Melisa Miner, Kim Durst, and Darla Panther to the Mental Health Advisory Committee of Garrett County. Official letters of appointment will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
3. Patrick Kelly, Licensing and Enforcement Officer, Department of Planning and Land Development reviewed the draft Deep Creek Lake Transient Vacation Rental Unit

Ordinance with the Board of County Commissioners. A number of letters of opinion, all of which will be entered into the public commentary record for Public Hearings that have been scheduled for January 14 and 17, were reviewed.

4. Herb Miller requested time to meet with the Board of County Commissioners to request that Chet Kelly Bridge be moved up on the County Roads Department bridge construction schedule. In attendance for the session was Mr. Polce and Dwight Emory, County Engineer. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, decided to not amend the priority list for bridge construction and maintenance. The motion also included the option that the Board would consider taking this bridge and road out of the County Road System if petitioned to do so.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, determined to negotiate a renewal of the current lease agreement with the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation for office space in the Court House. The County Department of General Services will be responsible for this process.

**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