

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 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 was one addition and no deletions to the Public Agenda for February 21, 2006. Delegate George Edwards requested a teleconference call with the Board to discuss economic development issues.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 14, 2006 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, conducted a Public Hearing to receive public comment to consider an amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan regarding inclusion of the Aspen Woods East, LLC property identified as Tax Map 41, Parcels 82 and 18 and Aspen Woods West, LLC property identified as Tax Map 41, Parcel 425 as a project to include the construction of a private wastewater treatment plant. Testimony was presented by Robert Johnson (Thrasher Engineering) representing the petitioner and County resident Kenneth Pavol. The Board closed the Public Hearing with the decision to keep the public record open until February 28, 2006.
4. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Report on capital project status to include bid process, engineering and consulting, and construction.

- b) A review and recommended proposal to increase refuse disposal (from \$30/ton to \$35/ton for municipal/commercial and from \$30/ton to \$40/ton for construction, demolition, stumps, wood waste, and brush) and resident permit fees (from \$20 to \$30 for the first sticker and \$10 to \$15 for same household second sticker). The current tipping fee has not changed for ten (10) fiscal years. Revenue from these sources sustains future refuse cell construction as outlined in supporting documentation. Also, a unit cost analysis prepared by Department staff show that the actual cost of refuse disposal at the Landfill facility was calculated based on actual expenses and refuse quantities. Landfill related expenses, not including expenses related to operations of the collection sites, were discussed. A decision by the Board on this recommendation will be taken under advisement and issue a decision within a two (2) week period.
 - c) Decision on the request by the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland during the February 14, 2006 Public Meeting to connect Frazee Estates Road with County Health Department property. Mr. Mullich will further research the engineering location of this proposed road to assure that it does not impede on existing property and present a recommendation on how to proceed.
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. Prior to the start of the Public Session, the Board of County Commissioners met with representatives from the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce who had requested time to discuss the designation of Commissioner Beard as member of the Chamber Board of Directors. This discussion was centered on a determination by Commissioner Beard to appoint a designee.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption of real property tax for Accident Community Housing Corporation, Avilton Community Association, and Backbone Housing, Inc. – Associated Catholic Charities. Official letters noting this action taken by the Board will be sent to each organization under the signature of Mr. Pagenhardt.

4. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from the Maryland Department of Agriculture apprising the Board of County Commissioners of the rising gypsy moth population in Garrett County. Recent surveys conducted by the Department have determined a rapid increase for Garrett County. The Board had previously met with Department staff to initially review this matter and inform the Board that a cost sharing for the preventative treatment spraying of acres was a probability of defoliation and damage. The Department has requested that the County participate in the cost share for this treatment, which is estimated to be \$45,000 (thirty percent (30%). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the appropriation of these funds. Due to the fact that these funds are not approved in Fiscal Year 2006, Mr. Pagenhardt will see if funding can be deferred until Fiscal Year 2007.
5. The Board of County Commissioners participated in a teleconference call with Delegate Edwards as outlined in Public Session - Additions and Deletions section of these minutes.
6. John Nelson, Director, and Patrick Kelly, Licensing and Enforcement Officer, Department of Planning and Land Development, briefed the Board of County Commissioners on all amendment changes to the Transient Vacation Rental Unit Licensing Ordinance. The Board agreed with said changes and the Board will schedule a time on the February 28, 2006 Public Meeting Agenda to formally adopt the Ordinance. Proposed changes have been made available for commentary on the County website and in the Department of Planning and Land Development office.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date