

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 8, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg

Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty

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 May 8, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 1, 2007 and Executive Session of May 1, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. Chairman Gregg introduced Garrett County High School students Bryson Harvey, Julie Swerbinsky, and Angela Nunez who were in attendance in observance of "National Youth Week" and the Oakland Benevolent Order of Elks.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, issued a Proclamation designating the week of May 12 to May 18, 2007, as "National Tourism Week in Garrett County".
5. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - a) Crews are working on drainage and culvert replacement/installation.
 - b) Bituminous paving will begin May 14 in the Accident area.
 - c) Savage River Bridge has been completed.
 - d) 160.5 inches of snow this past season as compared to past year.
 - e) Winter overtime is \$150,000 over budget but will balance somewhat with summer overtime total.
 - f) Thayerville Bridge will be delivered and installed in mid-June.
 - g) Other departmental issues.

6. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - a) Review of MIEMSS communication operation change week of April 30 to May 6. This review included explanation of loss of radio communications; MIEMSS responsibility versus County Government responsibility; internal reorganization; notification to local Rescue Associations; and radio communication failure and remedial process to resolve issues.
 - b) Status of installation of new radio consoles.
 - c) Activity report for April 2007 to include search for missing person, Tri-State mining disaster, and statewide hurricane exercise.
 - d) Emergency Services Coordinator update.
7. Willie Lantz, County Extension Agent, met with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss issues related to funding and suppression for the gypsy moth population. Department of Financial Services staff were in attendance for this session. Mr. Lantz presented a statewide update as reported by the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture which included spraying in targeted areas. It was also noted that it has been reported that some eggs have hatched in Garrett County. The issue of cost sharing with forest management property owners was reviewed which is projected to spray an additional 450 acres and property owners have indicated their agreement to participate in the cost share. The Board also agreed to direct the cost share percentage paid by the forest management property owners to other infested/adjacent properties.
8. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of request for proposal – Independent Auditing Services (RFP #07-0320). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award to Rodeheaver and Associates. Actual cost of service and schedule of standard hourly rates for a five (5) year period are outlined in bid proposal, which is on file with the Department of Financial Services. Department of Financial Services Director Wendy Yoder provided her opinion on this recommendation of award.
9. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of bid award – Garrett County Insurance Plans (Adult Community Service, Workers Compensation, Airport Liability, and Liability Insurance (bid #07-0412). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award for Workers Compensation Insurance to BB&T Frederick Underwriters for a estimated premium of \$286,569 (new employees and compensation adjustments), for Adult Community Service

Insurance to AIG Life Insurance Company for \$2,438, for Airport Liability Insurance to CBIZ, Inc. for \$3,500, and for Fiduciary Liability Insurance to CBIZ, Inc. for \$7,069,

10. Public Commentary. None on this date.
11. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for May 1, 2007 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, 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 personnel matters. The same motion adjourned the Executive Session. On that date the Board was presented with a summary of facts and recommendation of termination of the employment of Margaret M. Thorp. The Board accepted the recommendation and an official action of termination was approved.
12. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
13. The Board of County Commissioners attended the School + Business = Partnership Luncheon. Mr. Pagenhardt, Mr. Harvey, Ms. Swerbinsky, and Ms. Nunez accompanied the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Mr. Pagenhardt presented a letter of opinion from County Attorney Gorman Getty on the boundary line between Allegany County and Garrett County. It was the opinion of Mr. Getty to resolve the line location issue through judicial proceedings.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date