

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 4, 2008**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Dennis G. Glotfelty*  
*Commissioner Frederick A. Holliday*

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

*Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg*

**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 Meeting Agenda for March 4, 2008. Mr. Pagenhardt noted several matters to be discussed during administrative session and also indicated that two (2) parties had requested time during public commentary.
2. Minutes the Public Meeting of February 26, 2008 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Glotfelty.
3. Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) Casselman Bridge Park Project update.
  - b) County Airport Expansion Project update. Also, request for proposals will be drafted for business and commercial advertising at the Airport.
  - c) Public Works Facility construction status report.
  - d) Update of County Landfill expansion and new cell construction.
  - e) Other departmental matters.
4. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) The public hearing for the Garrett County Supplemental Tax Credit Application is scheduled for March 18, 2008.
  - b) Update of tax differential agreement status with the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland to include accurate properties and applicable due to

final annexation. The Board will be meeting with the Mayor and Town Council later on this date.

- c) Status of tax differential agreement with the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park.
  - d) Notice that Fiscal Year 2009 Constant Yield Rate has been received. A public hearing to discuss this issue will need to be scheduled.
  - e) Update of OPEB actuarial calculations for the County Government, the Board of Education, and Garrett College.
  - f) Status of employee health insurance bid.
5. Public Commentary. James Stanton spoke to the Board of County Commissioners to request that the Board oppose the granting of an exemption by the Maryland Public Service Commission to the Criterion/Clipper wind turbine plant proposed on Background Mountain. Mr. Stanton also requested that the Board testify as to this opposition to the exemption at the public hearing for March 6, 2008. The Board will take this under consideration.
  6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
  7. The Garrett County Arts Council presented their request for funding for Fiscal Year 2009. The Board of County Commissioners will take this request, which has no increase over that of Fiscal Year 2008, under advisement.
  8. Public Commentary. Town of Mountain Lake Park Mayor Britten Martin voiced his opinion on the public water service problems within the municipality. Mayor Martin stated that in 2003 the Town agreed to an agreement with Clipper Wind Power to place turbines on Sanitary District property, which is the current water source for the Mountain Lake Park Sanitary District. Mayor Martin requested that the Board approach the Public Service Commission to include in the approval process a condition that the water source be protected. Mayor Martin stated that an environmental study and water analysis study should be performed.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed draft legislation listed as House Bill 625 that would eliminate certain annual payments made to Garrett County from the State Forest or Park Reserve Fund, the Forest and Park Concession Account, and the

Deep Creek Lake Recreation. The Board and certain County staff intend to testify on March 7, 2008 in opposition to this legislation.

3. The Board of County Commissioners met with the following staff to discuss the Wisp Adventure Road Project: Ms. Yoder; Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department; Dwight Emory, County Engineer, County Roads Department; James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; and Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services. Those in attendance discussed funding, permit application, property acquisition, and other matters involved in proceeding with the project. The Board directed Mr. Emory to complete construction plans at this time and after that process is complete the Board will look at how to proceed.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with Sheriff Berkebile; Chief Deputy Major Randy Resh; Detention Center Administrator Captain Cynthia Smith; Ms. Yoder; and Mr. Weeks to discuss a request to increase the Law Enforcement Officers Salary Grade Allocation Table. (This session had been requested to be executive session but the Board decided to conduct this in administrative session). Also addressed was projected correctional staffing for the new County Detention Center. The Board will take this matter under advisement as part to the budget process.
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Ms. Yoder; Mr. Hinebaugh; Brian Bowers, Purchasing Agent; Brad Frantz, Director, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management; Terry Spear, Emergency Services Coordinator, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management; and DaVina Griffin, Risk Manager to discuss the request for proposals for emergency medical support services. After a prolonged deliberation, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by and carried by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award of services to Northern Garrett Rescue Squad and Southern Garrett Rescue Association.

This award was not a recommendation of the request for proposal review process undertaken by the review committee and the County Attorney. However, the Board stated they wanted to move forward with paid emergency medical support services. Chairman Glotfelty directed Mr. Frantz and Mr. Spear to document all scheduling activity, personnel, and operational matters. (This matter was not on the announced public meeting agenda but the Board decided to move the process of award forward).

6. The Board of County Commissioners met with Ms. Yoder, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Pagenhardt and the Town of Oakland Mayor Asa McCain and Councilman Jay Moyer to discuss tax differential matters.

7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday which, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Glotfelty, reappointed the following members to the Partnership for Children & Families -Local Management Board.

- ❖ Henrietta Lease
- ❖ Lillian Mitchell
- ❖ Clay Garland

Official letters of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Glotfelty.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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