

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
February 3, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Frederick A. Holliday
Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg

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 Meeting for February 3, 2009. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 20, 2009 and Administrative Session of January 27, 2009 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday.
3. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - a) Presentation of a Garrett County Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study prepared by S&S Planning and Design, LLC. The purpose of this study was to undertake a commodity flow study to provide the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) with a better understanding of the type of materials and associated volumes traveling by truck through Garrett County. The study focused on Route 135 @ Route 560 and Route 219 @ Sand Flat Road. A copy of the comprehensive study is on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management. The LEPC will take under review and advisement response procedures if an actual emergency does in fact occur.
 - b) Mr. Frantz reviewed a number of issues related to and as a result of the study outlined in (a).
 - c) Overview of training initiatives planned with other County and State agencies.

- d) Virginia Smith, County Emergency Planning Coordinator, presented a review of emergency management grant programs expended and planned.
 - e) Discussion on continuation of emergency services clubs at both County high schools. Prior dialog indicated change in class schedules may not allow these to continue. Mr. Frantz informed the Board that student enrollment and interest is increasing.
 - f) Intern Nick Crabtree provided the Board and those in attendance with an overview of his participation with Maryland Emergency Management Administration as part of the Presidential inauguration.
 - g) Other departmental matters.
4. Principals with Thousand Acres Development (TAD) requested time to meet with the Board of County Commissioners on road entrance and permit issues. In attendance representing the County were Gorman Getty, County Attorney; Jerome Moyer, General Superintendent, County Roads Department; Dwight Emory, County Engineer, County Roads Department; David Ritchie, Project Engineer, County Roads Department; James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development; and William DeVore, Department of Planning and Land Development.

TAD requested that existing issues for final approval (specifically a snow plow turn around) be placed on hold to allow for final financing for development parcels. In short, TAD was requesting a waiver and deferral of current County standards and policy outlined in the Code of Ordinances for Garrett County. The use and change of use for this development is what prompted action by the County. Mr. Getty explained that when standards are put in place, in this case within policies and procedures, the responsibility is on the part of the developer. An interim solution option had been presented however TAD declined to pursue this.

Commissioner Glotfelty entered a motion to agree with staff and legal counsel recommendation to have TDA present a development plan to meet all County requirements. Chairman Holliday added that action by the Board would be to entertain a motion to grant the waiver and deferral as presented by TAD. There was no motion made and therefore the Board will take no action and the decision by staff will remain.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty and made unanimous by Chairman Holliday, executed a Resolution authorizing the County to accept a Grant in the total amount of \$1,750,000 from the Department of Business and Economic Development of the State of Maryland whereas the proceeds of the Grant will be regranted by the County to American Woodmark Corporation (the Recipient). Proceeds of the regrant will be used by the Recipient to pay for a portion of the costs incurred in developing approximately 37 acres of Real Property located in the Keyser's Ridge Industrial Park.

6. Public Commentary. None on this date.
7. 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 reviewed a letter from the Board of Allegany County Commissioners asking that the Board join with Allegany County and support their request that HB 123 – Western Maryland Code Home Rule Counties – Police Departments – Local Referendum Required be withdrawn. The Board agreed to take no position on this legislation or request to voice an opinion of support.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Frederick A. Holliday, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date