

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2003

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 agenda for February 25, 2003. John Nelson, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning has requested that the Board of County Commissioners review several legislative bills to be introduced to the Maryland General Assembly that pertain to agriculture land issues.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 20, 2003 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted the Staff meeting for February. The following agencies and departments were in attendance:

Garrett County Health Department
Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
Department of Economic Development
Department of Planning and Zoning
Garrett County Extension Service
Department of General Services
Garrett County Community Action Committee
Garrett College
Department of Social Services
Department of Emergency Management
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
Garrett County Sanitary District
Office of the State's Attorney

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address personnel issues. The same motion moved back to public session.
5. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan. The amendment will allow for improvements and construction of a wastewater collection system to address a number of failing septic systems, eliminate/replace an existing wastewater treatment plant, and provide the utility infrastructure for the proposed I68/Keyer's Ridge Industrial Park. Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department of Economic Development addressed the Board on the need for proceeding with the development of additional locations for potential manufacturing and distribution business prospects in the Interstate 68 corridor. Having no public comment on the proposed amendment, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the amendment as presented. Mr. Hinebaugh and Mr. Pagenhardt will continue to reinforce to the Sanitary District the importance of proceeding with the development of this project. The District has indicated that funding will be in place by the end of Fiscal Year 2003 and construction should begin at that point.
6. Mr. Nelson presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following legislative bills that have been drafted and will be introduced before the State of Maryland General Assembly this session. The provisions of each bill are important to agricultural programs in place at this time. The Board of County Commissioner was requested to take a position of support or non-support of each bill.
 - HB 804 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Easement Ranking and Valuation. The Board will support this legislation
 - SB 564 The Senate version of HB 804. The Board will support this legislation.
 - SB 626 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Easements Lot Exclusions and Allowable Economic Activity. The Board will support this legislation.
7. Mr. Nelson also presented the Board with HB 603, Natural Resources – Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board that proposes to more clearly define the meeting

schedule. Chairman Gregg currently represents the Board of County Commissioners on this board. The Board will not take a position on this bill.

8. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed recommendations from the Building Code Review Committee for the purpose of enhancing the permitting and inspection system in Garrett County. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, took the following action on each recommendation:

- The Board did not approve the recommendation to support the formation of a local homebuilders association to facilitate training and educational programs.
- The Board approved the recommendation to establish a policy that every application for a building permit be accompanied by two (2) sets of legible building plans or drawings.
- The Board approved the recommendation to establish a board of appeals to include specific membership.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date