

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 were no additions or deletions to the public agenda for September 9, 2003.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of September 2, 2003, Executive Minutes of September 2, 2003, and Administrative Minutes of September 4, 2003 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, on a motion Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, issued a Proclamation designating the week of September 22 to 27, 2003 as "National Dog Week".
4. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on behalf of the Department of Public Utilities whereby a proposal was presented to amend and extend the boundaries of the Deep Creek Sanitary District for the provision of sewer service. This was the second public hearing on this issue. Department Director Mark Tonkovich, Project Engineer Barry Sweitzer, and Laboratory Director Dale Baker reviewed the areas of expansion of the District, debt service options, and discharge requirements. The Hearing was concluded with the Board of County Commissioners taking official action to leave the public record open for two (2) weeks. A decision to adopt by resolution a change to the boundary of the Deep Creek Sanitary District will be scheduled for the Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting on September 23, 2003.
5. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for September 2, 2003 is hereby documented on this date, the next

open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. In attendance for this session were Department of Public Utilities staff and James Avirett from Whitman, Requardt and Associates, engineering consultant for the Department. The focus of the session was to present to the Board of County Commissioners a briefing on justification for expansion of the Deep Creek Sanitary District to include estimates for ad valorem tax, cost of project upgrades at the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, and planned growth in this district and surrounding areas. A discussion of annual debt reduction and activation expenses was presented for review and input by the Board. It was the determination of the all parties to continue to compile information and financial estimates for this major capital expansion project.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of correspondences and communications with the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Chairman Gregg, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, executed an application for funding with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Administration for the purpose of expanding the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
3. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a proposal to appraise the Georg Property that is being considered for inclusion in the Rural Legacy Program. Two (2) previous independent appraisals had been completed. It was the request of the property owner (Mr. Georg) that based on the fact that the two (2) completed appraisals assigned a real value that was identical, that a third valuation be completed. The Board directed John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning, to confer with the firms who completed the initial appraisal and request that additional and supplemental comparable properties be used.
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with Jim Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development to address the issue of potential funding for the Development Study for the Deep Creek Lake region. Mr. Hinebaugh indicated that he was aware of funding through the State of Maryland Department of Planning Area Development Program. If the Board decided to request funding through this program, previously committed projects for the Oakland Community Center and the Garrett County Recreational Trails Project would need be deleted or postponed. The Board unanimously concurred to not amend a previous decision to request funding through the Area Development Program both projects.
5. The Board of County Commissioners met with Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee and John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning to discuss the Community Legacy Program and specifically plans for the employment of a Municipal Codes Enforcement Officer. The points of discussion were

focused on the reporting line for this position, the input of all County municipal mayors, and the importance of this position to the comprehensive revitalization of towns.

6. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Hinebaugh met with Frans Van Wagenberg who presented an overview of a building located in the Town of Accident. The purpose of this session requested by Mr. Van Wagenberg was to inquire if the County had an interest in leasing or purchasing this facility. At this time the County has no interest in the building however Mr. Hinebaugh offered his assistance in marketing the building to potential business prospects.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, in furtherance of recent action to terminate the terms of appointment for members of the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board, took the following official action. The Board of County Commissioners will appoint or reappoint the following individuals:

Reappointment:

RaeEllen Finn
Brenda McCartney
Patrick Kerr
Carolyn Taylor
Earleena Tressler
Douglas Riley
Trudy Pickrel

Appointment:

Lesa Whittemore
Elizabeth Hart (as a staff representative from the Department)

Board of County Commissioners Representative: Commissioner Beard

Official letters of appointment will be sent to each individual.

8. 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