

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 27, 2004

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 and one (1) deletion to the Public Meeting of July 27, 2004. The administrative session with the Department of Economic Development will be rescheduled at a later date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of July 20, 2004 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 conducted the Department Head Staff meeting. Representatives from the following departments, offices, and agencies were in attendance:
 - a) Department of Planning and Zoning
 - b) Department of Financial Services
 - c) Ruth Enlow Library
 - d) Department of Public Utilities
 - e) Garrett County Community Action Committee
 - f) Western Maryland Consortium
 - g) Tri-County Council for Western Maryland
 - h) Garrett County Board of Education
 - i) Garrett County Health Department
 - j) Garrett County Extension Service
 - k) Department of Social Services
 - l) Department of Economic Development
 - m) Department of General Services

4. Carol Riley, Secretary 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. Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt executed an Agreement for Operation and Maintenance Services between the Board of County Commissioners and Pergin Farm Private Water Association.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed the following issues with the Board of County Commissioners. In attendance for this session were directors or senior staff from the Department of Financial Services, Department of General Services, Department of Economic Development, and Department of Public Utilities.
 - a) Extension of public water and wastewater services to the location of the planned County Public Works Facility. Fiscal Year 2005 County Budget for this project includes the expense for this service and will take in other properties contiguous to this area. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with this project expansion and Department of Public Utilities staff was directed to contact affected property owners on this process.
 - b) Extension of public water and wastewater service to the Garrett County Airport. The potential for corporate hangar ownership and the administration building improvement were discussed.
 - c) Michael Mullen, Municipal Coordinator, Tri-County Council requested the Board review funding options for the completion and final connection of service for residents to the Deer Park Water System. Options recommended to the Board to forward fund (loan) or fund the cost of final connection to the residence only were discussed. A condition of a no interest loan arrangement by the County would be for the Department of Public Utilities to oversee the project rather than have the Town of Deer Park contract with a private service provider. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, declared this situation a public health issue which will allow for the work to be approved for contract without having to comply with the standard procurement policy. There will be a standard connection fee with the total cost to be shared equally by all qualified users.
 - d) Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a proposal to extend a wastewater collection line

to Edgewood Road residents who have failed systems in the Town of Deer Park. Mr. Mullin and the Department of Public Utilities will continue to review the cost of extension. Chairman Gregg entered a motion to pass funds through Garrett County Community Action to fund the service extension to these residents. Commissioner Beard seconded this motion with Commissioner Holliday voting against this motion.

- e) Meg Ellis, Project Manager, Department of Economic Development requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve an additional \$12,678 for the fire suppression system for the Phenix Building that the County will assume ownership of. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this additional funding appropriation. Funding to the County from the Appalachian Regional Commission of \$750,000 to purchase this building is contingent on the installation of this fire suppression system.
- f) Mr. Mullich and Scott Weeks, Assistant Director, Department of Financial Services requested that the Board of County Commissioners review the terms and conditions of the Garrett College Dormitory Operating Loan Agreement. The major issues were the lease agreement and the ownership of the dormitory (Garrett Hall) to include funding from the County reserve balance versus a bank loan. The Board agreed to fund the project through County reserve funds.
- g) Mr. Mullich reviewed the status of appraisals and potential sale of the Fourth and Green Street property.
- h) Mr. Weeks and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a request for funding from the Garrett County Agriculture Fair Board for additional annual operating funds (\$5,000) and fencing/parking (\$25,000). The Board of County Commissioners previously reviewed this request during the fiscal budget process with no decision made at that time. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an additional \$5,000 annual appropriation for Fiscal Year 2005. The request for fencing/parking was not approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date