

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 10, 2005

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 deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda for May 10, 2005. Mary Rodeheaver, who had requested to be placed on the agenda to speak about water and sewer expenses, canceled this scheduled appointment.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 5, 2005 were read, amended, 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 by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved and executed a Proclamation designating May 15 as "*Police Officers' Memorial Day*" and the week of May 15 through 21 as "*National Police Week*".
4. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Total snow accumulation of 137 inches in 2004 – 2005 season.
 - b) Update and schedule for paving crew and projected cost associated with the increase in diesel fuel.
 - c) Bridge maintenance and construction schedule.
 - d) Mr. Polce informed the Board that the entrance and curbing to the proposed Exhibit/Trade Center, discussed on May 5 for possible construction by the Roads Department would need to be included as part of the total project cost and the Department would not be able to complete this part. Completion of the bridge and paving of the parking area could be included in the Roads department project schedule and budget.
 - e) County road line stripping began on May 9 and a listing of roads will be provided to the Board.

- f) Cleaning antiskid, trimming trees/brush, and sweeping for line stripping is ongoing.
 - g) In-house appointment process is underway for a replacement for James Savage, who is retiring as shop supervisor at the Oakland Area Garage.
5. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt met with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Wendell Teets to discuss the existing educational and financial agreement between the Garrett County Board of Education and Salem Children's Trust. The Trust has requested funding in Fiscal Year 2006 to be directed to the construction of a new educational building. Dr. Teets indicated that there is a financial benefit of providing educational services to a certain student population and that the Board of Education supports programs offered. A legal opinion pertaining to the Board of County Commissioners appropriating funds for this purpose was prepared and further discussion will take place on this subject as part of the budget review process.
6. Students and staff with Swan Meadow School presented a final recommendation for the Garrett County Bird and Wildflower Project. The students requested that the Board of County Commissioners officially adopt the *Bluebird* and *Columbine* as the official County Bird and Wildflower. Mr. Pagenhardt suggested that the Board designate the newly named bird and wildflower for the cover of the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. The Board agreed with this recommendation.
7. The Procurement Office presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following recommendations of bid award:
- a) Sale of Surplus County Property – Tandem Axle Dump Truck (bid #05-0505). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an award to Rush Excavating, Inc. for \$25,010.00
 - b) Request for Proposals Award – Architectural/Consulting Services – Performing Arts Center Planning (RFP #05-0322). The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Beard, approved an award to EwingCole for \$44,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to this motion and voiced his opinion that other firms with similar evaluation scores had submitted cost proposals that were lower.
8. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to receive commentary and opinions on the Amendments to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan.
- a) A request was received by the Department of Public Utilities to request that the Maryland Department of the Environment provide assistance for a drinking water project in Calendar Year 2005. The project request consists of plans to replace a 4,300 linear feet supply line that connects the primary well to the water treatment plant with C900 PVC piping in the Town of Grantsville.

- b) The Department of Public Utilities proposes to expand the Shady Acres Sanitary District to include the following areas - Map 49, Parcel 193 and Map 78, Parcel 162.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, closed the Public Hearing and approved the amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan listed in (a). The Board also approved the amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan outlined in (b) on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Pursuant to Section 9-648 of the Environmental Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board executed a Resolution noting the approval of these amendments to the Plan.

9. 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 met with Mr. Pagenhardt and Department of Financial Services staff to review Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date