

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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 deletions or additions to the Public Meeting Agenda.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of September 27, 2005 and Executive Session of September 27, 2005 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 a Public Hearing to receive public commentary on an application for the re-designation of an Enterprise Zone under Article 83A of the Maryland Annotated Code. The area to be re-designated consists of approximately 240.51 acres and is known as the Southern Garrett Industrial Park, the Southern Garrett Business and Technology Park, and Simon Pearce Manufacturing Facility. 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 this re-designation by executing a Resolution.
4. The Board of Education presented proposed/recommended Capital Improvement Plan. Included in this discussion was a request for funding for the Northern Garrett Educational Complex (Northern Garrett High School, Northern Garrett Middle School, and Hickory Educational Center) public water service. Funding for this project will be required in both Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007 with cost estimates presented to the Board for review. The wells at this location have been contaminated and are no longer usable for potable water. County Health Officer Rodney Glotfelty was in attendance for this session and stressed the importance of correcting this situation.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved local funding for the Northern Garrett Educational Complex Water Project on the premise that this was an emergency situation. The Board directed County and Board of Education staff to expedite the construction of this project.

In addition, the Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the Capital Improvement Plan as presented with the condition that local funding is available and appropriated during the fiscal year budget process.

5. Charles Ross, representing the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce and Jerome Moyer, Oakland City Councilperson suggested to the Board of County Commissioners several recommendations for the Autumn Glory Festival, to include the return of the "Turkey Bowl", a game between Southern Garrett High School and Northern Garrett High School and other events. The Board will take each item under consideration, which are under the jurisdiction of the Chamber of Commerce.
6. Carol Riley, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
7. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for September 27, 2005 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss legal issues. The same motion moved back into Public Session.

In attendance for this session were County Attorney Gorman Getty and John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development. The following issues were addressed:

Thousand Acres Development as it relates to the refund and applicable debt service of equivalent residential units to include a request for substitute collateral. The Board, at the recommendation of Mr. Getty, agreed to this proposal as outlined in Mr. Getty's September 16, 2005 letter to Mr. Pagenhardt.

A request from Holy Cross Reserve, LLC for the transfer of equivalent residential units. The Board, at the recommendation of Mr. Getty, Mr. Nelson, and Mr.

Pagenhardt agreed to process the letter of request through the standard application for transfer policy.

The Board of County Commissioners, at the recommendation of Mr. Getty, executed a Quitclaim Deed between the County and LT Management Route 219, LLC. Reference to Mr. Getty' s September 22, 2005 letter to Mr. Pagenhardt on this subject.

Mr. Nelson again requested that the Board of County Commissioners agreed to an appointee as alternate to the Garrett County Planning Commission. (Later in the day during the Public Meeting – Administrative Session, the Board appointed Gary Fratz).

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 the Advisory Board comprised of County Government Department Heads. In attendance were the following individuals:

James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development
Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department
Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services
Gary Mullich, Director, Director, Department of General Services
John Nelson, Director, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development
Charles McCollum, Director, Director, Department of Public Utilities
Major Gary Berkebile, Garrett County Sheriff's Department
Rodney Glotfelty, Health Officer

Topics of discussion were tax incremental financing, additional funding for Adventure Sports Center, Inc., and the October 7, 2005 State Highway Administration meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to review the Consolidated Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Holliday entered a motion to proceed with the tax incremental financing concept to include additional funding of \$3,500,000 towards the Adventure Sports Center project solely within this planned residential development boundary. The motion did not receive a second. Further evaluation will be undertaken on the tax incremental financing by Department of Financial Services staff to include the calculation of projected revenue, debt service payment schedules, and a detailed analysis of tax incremental financing boundaries. A determination of actual projects and the application cost of each will be evaluated for inclusion in this financing plan.

3. The Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Pagenhardt, Ms. Yoder, Mr. Mullich and Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer, discussed the issue of additional staffing for the Procurement Office. The importance of timely turnaround of purchasing, procurement,

and administrative requirements was discussed to include the increase in responsibility as result of incorporating the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. – Department of Public Utilities into County Government. As a result of this discussion the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, approved the funding for an additional contractual staff person. Placement of this position into the Classified Service will be taken under advisement for a nine (9) month period. Commissioner Holliday voted against this motion. (Specific job duties and prerequisites/job description will be drafted by Mr. Bowers and approved by Mr. Pagenhardt).

4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Harold Harsh and Ronel Williams to the North Branch Advisory Committee. Official letters of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to each appointee.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed or reappointed (*) the following persons to the Animal Issues Advisory Commission. Official letters of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to each appointee.

Stephen Anderson (*)	Veterinarian
Bernadine Friend (*)	Humane Society
Edgar Harman (*)	Commission Beard representative
Dona Alvarez (*)	Chairman Gregg representative
Joyce Moyer	Commissioner Holliday representative
Gary Mullich (*)	Department of General Services
Bonnie Zimmerman (*)	Animal Shelter
Rodney Glotfelty (*)	Health Department
Randy Resh	Sheriff's Department
Bradley Frantz (*)	Department of Emergency Management
James Yoder (*)	Licensed Kennel Operator

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date