

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2006

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 January 31, 2006 and also noted issues to be addressed during Administrative Session.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of January 24, 2006 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 monthly staff meeting. In attendance were department heads and agency supervisors from the following offices:
 - a) Department of Economic Development
 - b) Board of Election Supervisors
 - c) Department of Financial Services
 - d) Board of Education
 - e) Department of Social Services
 - f) Department of Public Utilities
 - g) Roads Department
 - h) Partnership for Children & Families
 - i) Department of Planning and Land Development
 - j) Health Department
 - k) Western Maryland Consortium
 - l) Municipal Assistance Coordinator
 - m) Chamber of Commerce
 - n) Ruth Enlow Library

4. Purchasing Agent Brian Bowers presented the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation of bid award for Radio Frequency Automatic Meter Reading System (bid #05-1222). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, awarded this bid award to Hughes Supply. All prices are outlined in the recommendation of award for various water systems with a total cost of \$636,500 over a three (3) year term.
5. In furtherance of prior public hearings and follow-up deliberations, the Board of County Commissioners took executive action on the following issues related to the Department of Planning and Land Development:
 - a) The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on January 24, 2006 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed Garrett County Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan. On that date the Board determined to keep the public commentary period open for a period of seven (7) days and consider amendments to the text. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, adopted the Plan and executed a Resolution enacting the text.
 - b) The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on January 17, 2006 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed Garrett County Airport Ordinance that will regulate the height of structures and objects within the conical surface of the Airport. On that date the Board determined to keep the public commentary period open for a period of seven (7) days and consider amendments to the text. No written comments were received. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved the Ordinance and executed a Resolution enacting the text and map as the Garrett County Airport Zoning Ordinance.
 - c) The Board of County Commissioners reviewed potential candidates for appointment to the Planning Commission. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, appointed Troy Ellington as a member of the Commission, (Mr. Ellington has previously served as a alternate member since September of 2003), re-appointed Ruth Beitzel and Jeff Messenger as members, and appointed Joe McRobie as alternate to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ellington. Official letters of appointment will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
6. 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. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed subjects to be addressed during the Administrative Session on February 2, 2006.
3. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a letter from The Maryland Salem Children's Trust requesting an additional grant of \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2007 for the new educational building. These funds would serve as a fifty percent (50%) of the 3:2 challenge grant applied for by the Trust to The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. The Trust also requested that the Board of County Commissioners forward a letter of endorsement to State of Maryland for the introduction of bond funding for the other fifty percent (50%) of the challenge grant. Commissioner Beard entered a motion to appropriate funding up to but not to exceed \$100,000 with the condition that the Trust secures total funding to be eligible for Foundation funding. The motion did not receive a second. The Board determined to take this matter under sustained review. Later in the day, the Board addressed this matter and the following action was taken. The motion entered by Commissioner Beard was then seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg. Mr. Pagenhardt will notify the Trust of this action taken by the Board.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an appropriation of (up to) \$2,360 to the Northern Garrett High School Cheer Team to be designated to the Team's attendance at the National Cheer and Dance Championship.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date