

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
May 11, 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 was one addition and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for May 11, 2006. The Purchasing Department will request approval for a declaration of surplus County property.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 2, 2006 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a Proclamation declaring the week of May 15 to May 21, 2006 as "National Tourism Week".
4. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - a) Update on bituminous paving year to date
 - b) Notification that the cost of paving will be higher than budgeted due to the increased cost of diesel fuel
 - c) Bridge construction projects
 - d) Discussion on the use of salt on designated County roads
 - e) Other discussion topics
5. Bradley Frantz, Director, Department of Emergency Management briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:

- a) Presentation and review of Call Center Overview that included a call distribution summary for the period of January 1 through April 30, 2006
 - b) Staff attendance at statewide conferences and meetings
 - c) Update on microwave tower coverage within the County
 - d) Planned enhancements for Department computer capabilities
 - e) Emergency Management and Homeland Security matters
 - f) Instructional and education activities in conjunction with the Board of Education
 - g) Reverse 911 System status and funding options
 - h) Commissioner Holliday requested discussion on the SWOT Report
 - i) Other related matters
6. Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning Audrey Scott met with the Board of County Commissioners in furtherance of "Maryland Community Planning".
7. The Purchasing Department reviewed a recommendation to execute an Amended Resolution that would correct inconsistencies with Resolution No. 5-4-99 so it is consistent with Garrett County Code Section 30.22.

Brian Bowers, Purchasing Agent summarized the provisions of the amended Resolution, which has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Under the amended Resolution, resident (local) vendors/contractors no longer need to request the local preference. All non-resident vendors/contractors will be required to submit the Purchasing Preference Affidavit as part of their bid submission. If the political subdivision in which the non-resident vendor/contractor conducts business has purchasing preferences, those preferences can be given to resident vendors/contractors over non-resident vendors/contractors when awarding a bid. If the political subdivision does not have purchasing preferences and the state of the non-resident vendor/contractor does, those preferences can be given to resident vendors/contractors over non-resident vendors/contractors when award a bid. If the non-resident vendor/contractor does not have any purchasing preferences, none can be given to a resident vendor/contractor when awarding a bid. The purchasing preferences can be in the form of a percentage preference, employee/workforce residency preference or any other provision that favors a local firm over a nonresident firm. The percentage preference could be less greater or equal to the present two percent (2%). It all depends on what the nonresident vendor/contractor purchasing preferences are for that political subdivision or state. The Purchasing Preferences for Neighboring Jurisdictions document will be a useful tool for the Purchasing Department to verify the information provided by non-resident vendors/contractors on the Purchasing Preference Affidavit.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Gregg, executed the Resolution as reviewed and recommended. Commissioner Holliday voted in opposition to executing the

Resolution and stated that he would support introducing legislation in 2007 that would add language that would be consistent with past practices of procurement.

8. Mr. Bowers also presented a recommendation for a declaration of surplus County Property. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved this declaration of 2,550 water meters that will be sold as scrap. These surplus water meters are the result of new radio frequency meters and transceivers installed or being installed by the Department of Public Utilities.
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. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of personnel issues to include interdepartmental transfers between the Department of General Services and Roads Department.
3. James Hinebaugh, Director of Economic Development and Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed the final draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of Garrett College for the Garrett College Athletic and Community Recreation Center. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Chairman Gregg, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, agreed to authorize to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
4. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Final Withdrawal Agreement with the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland. No official action was required on this matter, which had been previously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date