

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ernest J. Gregg
Commissioner Dennis G. Glotfelty
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 February 27, 2007.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of February 13, 2007 were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The Board of County Commissioners conducted their monthly department head staff meeting. In attendance were representatives from the following departments, agencies, and offices:
 - a) Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
 - b) Garrett County Extension Service
 - c) Department of Financial Services
 - d) Department of Economic Development
 - e) Department of Emergency Management
 - f) Health Department
 - g) Department of Planning and Land Development
 - h) Department of Social Services
4. The Board of County Commissioners met with representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration and staff from the Garrett County Roads Department to discuss the Spring Lick/Route 495 Intersection Improvement Project. Fred Polce, General Superintendent, County Roads Department was in attendance for this session. Prior meetings between both parties on this matter included a number of options for consideration. State Highway Administration presented cost estimates

that would require a County cost of \$110,688 and State cost of \$514,468. (Calculation of the County share was based on all the work to be completed outside of State right-of-way). The Board approved the cost share estimate as presented with the project to be scheduled and completed in Fiscal Year 2008 (April, May and June). Mr. Pagenhardt will send a letter to State Highway Administration indicating this decision by the Board.

5. 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, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday, re-appointed Betty Wolford to a two (2) year term on the Garrett County Government Civil Service Board. An official letter of appointment under the signature of Chairman Gregg will be sent to Ms. Wolford.
3. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute a Conditions of Financial Assistance Award between Maryland Department of the Environment and the Board of County Commissioners for an extension of the Gorman Sanitary District Water System – Table Rock Water System (WSG 11.12). This agreement and financial grant of \$350,000 will allow for the connection of twenty-six (26) existing properties and twenty (20) additional connections.
4. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion (04-1116) for the Deep Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
5. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg to execute an Exemption of Real Property Tax with the State of Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc.
6. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed the Garrett County Government representative appointment on the Upper Potomac River Commission with the Board of County Commissioners. The term of appointment of Wendell Beitzel by the Board expired. The question was addressed that Mr. Beitzel is presently serving in the House of Delegates for Garrett County and in this capacity there may be potential conflicts of

interest with a continuation of serving on the Commission. Mr. Pagenhardt will review this matter with legal counsel and also Mr. Beitzel and advise the Board of his findings.

7. The Board of County Commissioners met with John Braskey representing the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources to discuss a number of issues. In attendance for this session were John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development and Gary Mullich, Director, Department of General Services. Specific discussion was on a commitment by the Board of County Commissioners on July 28, 2005 whereby the Board endorsed the Department of Natural Resources proposed purchase of an eight hundred (800) acre tract of land adjacent to the Garrett State Forest known as Wilderness Ranch. The Department had requested the endorsement of the current Board of County Commissioners for this acquisition. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Commissioner Holliday agreed to this endorsement and approval. Other properties under consideration for purchase or purchased by the State were presented by Mr. Braskey.
8. Mr. Mullich reviewed a series of issues related to the Garrett County Airport with the Board of County Commissioners.
9. Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services, presented the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2007 Budget amendments. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved all amendments as presented.
10. Mr. Pagenhardt and Ms. Yoder reviewed the Tax Differential Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor and Town Council of Mountain Lake Park. The Mayor and Council have agreed to and requested that the Board agree to a five (5) year Agreement consistent with all provisions of the current Agreement. The Board, on a motion by Chairman Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Commissioner Glotfelty, approved a five (5) year Tax Differential Agreement beginning on July 1, 2007.
11. Mr. Pagenhardt and Ms. Yoder, pursuant to the Tax Property Article of the Annotate Code of Maryland, reviewed the provisions of change to the Article whereby the Board of County Commissioners would have the authority to provide by law the amount, duration, eligibility, criteria, regulations, and procedures that may be necessary in order to implement a tax credit for Garrett County property owners who meet certain income requirements and criteria. The Board directed the County Administrator and Department of Financial Services to begin the review process of

formulating a local tax credit, define the eligibility criteria, adopt regulations and procedures, and determine the income level to which the credit will apply.

12. The Board of County Commissioners met with Mr. Pagenhardt, County Attorney Gorman Getty, and Mr. Polce to discuss a number of financial, personnel, collective bargaining, and legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date