

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
May 12, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis G. Glotfelty
Commissioner Ernest J. Gregg
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 Meeting for May 12, 2009. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of May 5, 2009 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty.
3. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation designating the month of May 2009 as "Better Hearing and Speech Month".
4. The Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation supporting "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't Be A Party to Teenage Drinking – May 2009".
5. Jerome Moyer, General Superintendent, County Roads Department updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters:
 - a) Update on paving operations
 - b) Update of budget expenditures year-to-date with 90% of budget year complete and 84% of actual budget expended.
 - c) County review of State opinion on Big Run flooding issue.
 - d) Other departmental matters.
6. The Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations of bid/contract award to the Board of County Commissioners:

- a) Crushed Stone Aggregates (bid # 09-0430CS). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award to Keystone Lime Company, Inc., George's Creek Stone & Gravel, Inc. and Maryland Minerals, Inc. for a number of products for County Roads Department and Department of General Services – Division of Solid Waste and Recycling which are on file with the Purchasing Department.
 - b) Office Furniture (bid #09-0507F). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award to Douron, Inc. for a contracted price of discounted percentages of 57.3% (Hon) and 42.4% (Shain).
 - c) Friendsville Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement (contract #09-0226). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved an award to Orange Construction Company for a total bid price of \$561,761.82.
7. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a *Public Hearing* to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs and to offer citizens the opportunity to hear and review plans for applications which the Board proposes to submit to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Projects being considered for inclusion in the CDBG application are a GIS Mapping Project and a County-wide Furnace Rehab and Replacement Project. A brief overview of the applications was presented by Garrett County Community Action Committee staff. No public comment was provided or entered into the public commentary record. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Gregg, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, closed the *Public Hearing* and approved the application as presented.
 8. Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee presented a request to the Board of County Commissioners for approval of Weatherization Assistance Program Agreement whereby the Board is the applicant and funds are administered by Community Action. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, approved the Agreement between the Board and the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and authorized Chairman Glotfelty and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute on behalf of the Board.
 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 was presented with a draft Garrett County Government Utility Permit Ordinance for review and final adoption. In attendance for this session were Mr. Moyer; David Ritchie, Project Engineer, County Roads Department; Dwight Emory, County Engineer, County Roads Department; Randy DiSimone, Inspector, County Roads Department; and DaVina Griffith, Risk Manager, Office of Human Resources. After discussion, the Board directed staff to amend certain sections of the Ordinance and present for final approval on May 26, 2009.
3. John Nelson, Director, Department of Planning and Land Development and Mr. Pagenhardt presented an overview of properties that the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources is considering purchasing and adding to the public land system of Maryland. Consistent with provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board of County Commissioners must provide approval for the State of purchase any acreage over one hundred (100) acres. Properties reviewed on this date are the Messenger Property – Garrett State Forest – 571.26 acres - \$1,200,000 and Frazee Resource Management – Hoyes – 140 acres - \$300,000. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Gregg, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Glotfelty, provided concurrence for the purchase of these properties. Mr. Nelson will respond to the Department of Natural Resources with this decision on behalf of the Board.
4. Mr. Nelson met with the Board of County Commissioners to review the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation's (MALPF) request for comments from all Counties regarding the allocation of funds for the purchase of easements and to find solutions to the problems inherent to limited funding for the Fiscal Year 2009 round of easement offers.

The Foundation has made a decision to include at least a twenty percent (20%) commitment of federal matching funds to the total allocation of funds to each County and is considering whether to use budgeted Fiscal Year 2010 money in the allocation of funds for Fiscal Year 2009 easement offers. The Foundation would also provide an opportunity for Counties to commit additional matching funds based on each County's projected Ag transfer tax revenue.

The Board considered the proposed solutions and voted to endorse the option to receive federal funds and to include federal matching funds in any offers made for easement purchases in Garrett County. The Board also concluded that this

additional federal funding would provide greater opportunity to extend offers to more applicants in the Fiscal Year 2009 easement cycle.

By separate action, the Board voted to endorse the plan to include MALPF's budgeted Fiscal Year 2010 funds for use in Fiscal Year 2009 offers. To date no applications for easements have been made in Garrett County for the Fiscal Year 2010 easement cycle while seven (7) separate applications are pending in Garrett County for the Fiscal Year 2009 cycle. The use of 2010 funds in the Fiscal Year 2009 cycle would also provide greater opportunity to extend offers to more applicants. The Board acknowledged that no new applications for easements would be accepted for Fiscal Year 2010 if the Foundation reallocated these funds.

Finally, the Board considered the opportunity to commit additional local matching funds based upon the reallocation of Fiscal Year 2010 money. The Board concluded that no additional retained Ag-transfer tax is currently available and the rate of growth of that fund is unpredictable and therefore voted not to commit additional matching funds based upon the Fiscal Year 2010 reallocation. The Board directed Mr. Nelson to reply to the Foundation with their comments and decisions.

5. James Hinebaugh, Director, Department of Economic Development briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a number of financial matters related to Adventure Sports Center International. Mr. Nelson was in attendance for this session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Dennis G. Glotfelty, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date