

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**July 13, 2010**

**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 there were no additions or deletions to the agenda for July 13, 2010. Mr. Pagenhardt also noted several matters to be discussed during the administrative session on this date.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of June 15, 2010 and Administrative Session of June 29, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg.
3. The County Roads Department updated the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
  - a) Discussion on personnel assignment due to retirement of number of employees. Maintenance and snow removal operations will need to be addressed with a final plan to be reviewed by the county administrator prior to final determination and review by the Board.
  - b) Update of County bridge maintenance and inspection.
  - c) Update of New Germany Road paving schedule which is planned to begin on July 26. This is a contracted project with funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
  - d) Notice that line stripping began on July 12.
  - e) Other departmental matters
4. Michael Blank met with the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Joseph Yommer to request connection to the Jennings Sanitary Sewer District. Linda Lindsey, Director, Department of Public Utilities was in attendance for this session. Service/connection had been denied by the Department of Public Utilities based on an interpretation of State law and a review by the County Attorney. The Board

decided to take this matter under advisement and provide a timely answer to Mr. Blank.

5. David and Lisa Hastmann met with the Board of County Commissioners to voice their opinion concerning water quality issues at their residence within the Mountain Lake Park Sanitary District. The Hastmann's had provided a letter that summarized this situation. Ms. Lindsey and Department of Public Utilities staff was in attendance for this session. The Board directed the Department of Public Utilities to continue to monitor this situation and take all measures to work with correcting this problem. Mr. Pagenhardt will ask the County Risk Manager to evaluate a potential liability claim for damages incurred by the Hastmann's.
6. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a *Public Hearing* to review and receive public commentary relative to revisions to the Re-Adoption of the Garrett County Building Code Ordinance. A brief summary of this issue was presented by James Torrington, Division Chief, Department of Planning and Land Development – Division of Permits and Inspections. Local changes to the Garrett County Building Code Ordinance include stair geometry and the requirement of sprinkler systems in new homes effective January 1, 2011. A letter from the Home Builders Association of Western Maryland, Inc. and a letter from Rodney King were read into the public record. Public commentary opposing the requirement of sprinkler system was received by Roger Sines, Contractor.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, closed the *Public Hearing* and determined to keep the public commentary open for a two (2) week period at which time a final decision will be made.

7. Chairman Gregg had to depart the public session for a medical appointment.
8. The Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations of bid award to the Board of County Commissioners:
  - a) Custodial Cleaning & Paper Products (bid #10-0603CC). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Glotfelty, approved an award to a number of vendors for a variety of products which are on file in the Purchasing Department.
  - b) Two Ton Dump Truck (bid #10-0624DT). The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Glotfelty, approved an award to Timbrook Ford Mercury for \$68,499.00.
9. Mark Bozarth met with the Board of County Commissioners to appeal the naming of a private drive by the Garrett County Department of Planning and Land Development as Linda's Lane. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday,

which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Glotfelty, upheld the naming of the road as Linda's Way.

10. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption of real property tax for Swanton Community Center.
11. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption of real property tax parcels for Garrett County Memorial Hospital which are listed in a letter of request dated July 8, 2010.
12. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Glotfelty, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, approved an exemption of real property tax parcels for Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. which are listed in a letter of request dated June 24, 2010.
13. Public Commentary. None on this date.
14. 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 Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, approved and executed a Waterway Improvement Fund Application and Project Agreement in the amount of \$225,000 for property boundary access; access route with wetland flagging; topographic survey and mapping; access and road design; and all permit applications.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, approved and executed an application for funding with the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$650,000 for Cherry Glade Commercial Phase II.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, approved and executed an application for funding with the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$20,000 for a study to enumerate visitors to Garrett County.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Glotfelty, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Holliday, approved and executed an application for funding with the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$20,000 for Deep Creek Lake economic impact study.
  
6. The Board of County Commissioners officially agreed to proceed with the appointment of a Marcellus Shale Advisory Committee. Potential composition of the advisory committee had been reviewed and agreed to by the Board on June 10, 2010. Upon notification from each agency of their representative, official letters of appointment will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Gregg.
  - A) Garrett County Board of Realtors
  - B) Chamber of Commerce/Business Entities
  - C) County Health Officer
  - D) Department of Economic Development
  - E) Garrett County Development Corporation
  - F) Department of Planning & Land Development
  - G) Department of Planning & Land Development – Permits & Inspections Division
  - H) Drilling Company
  - I) Environmental Health
  - J) UMD Extension Service
  - K) MD Department of Environment
  - L) Garrett College
  - M) Garrett County Farm Bureau
  - N) Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board
  - O) Garrett Preston Rural Development Coalition
  - P) Landowner (2 positions)
  - Q) Savage River Watershed Association
  - R) Shale Gas Services Sector

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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 R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
 County Administrator

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 Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

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 Date