

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 11, 2003

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 to the public agenda for March 11, 2003. The Board of County Commissioners would issue a press release on the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc.
2. Minutes of the Public Meeting of March 4, 2003, Executive Session of March 4, 2003, and Administrative Session for March 6, 2003 were read, amended (Executive Session of March 4, 2003), 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, on a motion by Commissioner Beard, which was seconded by Commissioner Holliday, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, issued a proclamation designating the week of March 10 through 16, 2003 as "Cover the Uninsured Week".
4. Fred Polce, General Superintendent of the Garrett County Roads Department briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the following issues:
 - Total expenditures for the February 14 to 17 winter storm. The County had applied for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for associated costs. Preliminary accounting is \$700,000.
 - Departmental costs are \$106,000 over budget year to date for snow removal accounts. Mr. Polce indicated that the Department would not request additional funding for this overage with adjustments to other line items to be amended.
 - The Department will continue to haul anti-skid apprasives through March 21 to stockpile for the remainder of this fiscal year and next year.
 - Replacement of fencing and mail boxes by Department personnel due to damage caused by snow removal.

- Training of maintenance personnel on new paver prior to April when the paving operations will begin.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a resolution designating the location, date and time of County tax sale as Friday May 9, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the Garrett County Court House rotunda.
 6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, executed a resolution adopting a number of roads to be included on the Garrett County Road Name Index. Specifics of each road name are included in the resolution.
 7. The Board of County Commissioners issued a press release on the decision by the Board, which was endorsed by the Garrett County Sanitary Commission to place the jurisdiction of the Sanitary District under the County.
 8. The Board of Trustees of the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County presented their Fiscal Year 2004 Budget request to the Board of County Commissioners. Cathy Ashby, Director presented the financial request which was supported by a number of trustees, member of the Friends of the Library, and other supporters of the Library. The Board will take this request into consideration.
 9. The Procurement Office conducted a bid opening for a sidewalk construction project (Garrett County Health Center) (bid #03-0311). All bids received will be reviewed with a recommendation of award directed to the Board as soon as feasible.
 10. Brian Bowers, Procurement Officer recommended that the Board of County Commissioners send a letter of opposition to House Bill 371, which establishes conditions under which public bodies may withhold retainage for construction projects. After taking the recommendation under consideration, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, signed a letter to the appropriate sponsor of the bill.
 11. Gary Mullich, Director of the Department of General Services requested the authority of the Board of County Commissioners to submit a grant application to the Maryland Department of the Environment to initiate the collection of various plastics. This grant, if approved, would provide funding for containers and training. The Board, by unanimous consensus, agreed to apply for these funds.
 12. Linda Lindsey, Risk Manager and Phillip Rook, Assistant Director of the Department of Emergency Management met with the Board of County Commissioners to secure approval on the Garrett County Government Automate External Defibrillator Program Policy. This program specifies the criteria and training for the usage of this equipment.

13. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for March 4, 2003 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Holliday, which was seconded by Commissioner Beard, and made unanimous by Chairman Gregg, moved into Executive Session under section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address financial and economic development issues. The same motion moved back to public session. In attendance for this session were Jim Hinebaugh, Director of the Department, Economic Development and Wendy Yoder, Director, Department of Financial Services.

Mr. Hinebaugh presented an economic development update for the Board, Mr. Pagenhardt, and Ms. Yoder to review and comment on. Mr. Hinebaugh requested the input of those in attendance for guidance on budgetary and project planning.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorized Chairman Gregg and Mr. Pagenhardt to execute all documents for the Community Development Block Grant funding for the Garrett County Micro-Works Program. This grant award is in the amount of \$100,000.
2. The remainder of the day was spent in administrative session.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

R. Lamont Pagenhardt,
County Administrator

Ernest J. Gregg, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date