

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 6, 2017**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards**  
**Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh, Jr.**  
**Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**

**County Administrator Kevin G. Null**

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there was one (1) addition to the Public Meeting Agenda. A Resolution for the Sale of County Owned Property. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for March 6, 2017.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017.
3. Proclamation: The Board of County Commissioners presented a Proclamation for Social Worker Month – March 2017.
4. Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Transportation Grant Presentation: Michael Hill, Director of Transportation, Garrett Transit and Gegan Crawford, Vice President, Community Action Committee, Inc. presented the Annual Summary of Garrett Transit. Also in attendance was Ms. Barbara Miller, Vice President of Family Economic Security.

Mr. Hill presented the grant application package for the Board's review and approval, reporting Garrett Transit's operating budget of \$2.1 million dollars with \$1.6 million funded by State and Federal funds. In 2016, Garrett Transit logged 632,381 service miles, an average of 2,000 miles per day, and transported 1,469 residents with 115,000 total trips.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously endorsed, approved, and executed the Garrett County Community Action Annual Transportation Plan Grant Application

5. Resolution # 2017 – 2 - Sale of County Property: Kim Durst, Specialist, Garrett County Department of Economic Development, presented the Sale of 3.621 acres of County owned property (former Garrett County Roads Department location behind the Dairy Queen) to Williams Land Management Company for the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000).

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution 2017-2 for the sale of County property.

6. The Garrett County Salary Study Review Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-2 of the Code of Garrett County, Maryland, met with the following: Board of Garrett County Commissioners, Garrett County Board of Education, Garrett County Board of Elections, Sheriff for Garrett County, Judges of the Orphans Court and the Garrett County Liquor Board.

The Garrett County Salary Study Review Commission reviewed current salaries/duties and submitted the following recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

**The Board of Garrett County Commissioners**

No increase in salary was recommended.

**Judges of the Orphans Court for Garrett County**

The Commission recommended a \$2,000 increase for each member:

- Chief Judge from \$4,500 to \$6,500
- Judge from \$4,200 to \$6,200

**Sheriff for Garrett County**

No increase in salary was recommended.

**Garrett County Board of Education**

The Commission recommended an increase for the President of the Board of Education

- President from \$4,000 to \$4,500
- Board members remain at \$4,000

**Garrett County Board of Election Supervisors**

No increase in salary was recommended, however the Commission recommended the following stipends:

- Daily stipend for each day worked (two days each election cycle) increase from \$200 per day to \$300 per day.
- Canvass stipend for each day worked (two days each election cycle) from \$50 per day to \$75 per day
- The increase would be \$275 per Supervisor.

**Garrett County Liquor Board**

No increase in salary was recommended.

In accordance with the provisions of the County Code, the Board of County Commissioners, in exercise of its independent judgement, **DECLINED** to accept the recommendations of the Garrett County Salary Study Review Commission and set the salaries as follows:

**The Board of Garrett County Commissioners**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salary is \$32,500

**Judges of the Orphans Court for Garrett County**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salaries are \$4,500 for Chief Judge and \$4,200 for Associate Judge.

**Sheriff for Garrett County**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salary is \$85,000

**Garrett County Board of Education**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salary for President and Board Members is \$4,000

**Garrett County Board of Election Supervisors**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salary is \$3,300 for President and \$3,000 for Board Members

**Garrett County Liquor Board**

No increase in annual salary was approved. Salary is \$2,500.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted the 2017 Garrett County Salary Ordinance.

7. Public Commentary

❖ Commissioner Edwards announced five (5) applications were received for the Board of Education District 2 Vacancy.

1. Kirk Miller
2. Timothy Thomas
3. Nathan Sorber
4. Kelly Rock
5. Lisa Varndell

The Board of County Commissioners will officially make an appointment to fill the vacant position at its next regularly scheduled public meeting on March 21, 2017.

8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Public Meeting Room, Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:17 P.M.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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Kevin G. Null,  
County Administrator

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Paul C. Edwards, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners