

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
HELD AT FRIENDSVILLE TOWN HALL
July 17, 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 6:05 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Vicar Tyler Graham

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda. 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 July 17, 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 July 3, 2017.
3. Proclamation: Garrett County Lakes Appreciation Month – July 2017. The Board of County Commissioners presented a Proclamation in recognition of Garrett County Lakes Appreciation Month to representatives of Friends of Deep Creek Lake and the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners Association.
4. Public Commentary
 - ❖ Friends of Deep Creek Lake presented copies of a petition signed by 439 people for the “*Save Deep Creek Lake - Fund the State Lakes Fund*” campaign and requested that the Board of County Commissioners contact the Governor’s Office to request funding for the State Lakes Fund.
 - ❖ Limestone Road (Accident Friendsville Road) Closing. A representative from Phenix Technologies presented a survey signed by 50 employees in support of the repair and re-opening of Limestone Road. Citizens in the area voiced their concern with the closure process and felt it should have been more transparent. They asked the cost of repair and if there was an appeal process.

Chairman Edwards stated that there is no appeals process - the decision is final. The decision to tar and chip the road was a maintenance decision to stabilize the road. The County Engineer reviewed the slide area and determined it would be too costly to repair, and there would be no guarantee that the slide area would not expand.

Commissioner Hinebaugh stated that the decision to close the road was not made lightly, the Board visited the site and considered the road unsafe for public use. While the Board understands that it is a convenient shortcut, the County cannot afford to repair the road for general public use.

- ❖ Concerns on temporary bridge on the Bear Creek Road side of Accident Friendsville Road and emergency access. Chairman Edwards will request that County staff review the “temporary” bridge and report back to the Board of County Commissioners.
- ❖ Status of WISP Hotel Project – The County is awaiting approval from the Maryland Department of the Environment for the Hoyes Run Water Appropriation Permit.
- ❖ Status of search for Economic Development Director. The Selection Committee completed the first round of interviews. The Board of County Commissioners will conduct the next round of interviews soon.
- ❖ Mayor Spencer Schlosnagle thanked the Board of County Commissioners for the tax differential and also for all the help they have received on town projects.

5. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, August 7, 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 5:33 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners