

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
December 4, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The Administrative Session was opened at 3:05 P.M.

1. Garrett County Commission for Women – Appointment. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Sadie Liller to the Garrett County Commission for Women as a Board of County Commissioner Appointee

An official letter will be sent to Ms. Liller under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

2. Garrett County Local Management Board - Appointment. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Reverend John Skipper to the Garrett County Local Management Board.

An official letter will be sent to Rev. John Skipper under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

3. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:55 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Jeff Kroll

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 December 4, 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 November 21, 2017.

3. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations:

Bid Award: Fire Prevention Systems Services – Bid # 17-1109FP

Three (3) bids were received from the following firms: ARK Systems, Inc., Pillar Innovations, and Fire Protection Products. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the bid to ARK Systems Inc. Specifics of this bid award to include locations are on file with the Purchasing Department.

RFP Award: Garrett County Comprehensive Plan Update – Garrett County Government - RFP # 17-1024

Four (4) bids were received from the following firms: The EADs Group, Machin Engineering Company, Jakubiak & Associates, Inc. and AECOM. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the bid to AECOM in the amount of \$98,157.00.

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 Bid Award and RFP Award as recommended.

4. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fred McMullen, National Weather Service Warning Coordinator, presented the Board of County Commissioners a certificate recognizing Garrett County as a StormReady community. This recognition will expire in three (3) years, at which time the County will go through a renewal process.
5. Garrett County Emergency Operations Plan. John Frank, Director, Garrett County Department of Emergency Services provided an overview of the updated Garrett County Emergency Operations Plan. Plan details are available on the County website.
6. The Board of County Commissioners conducted their annual Legislative Review Meeting with Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel. A list of all legislative issues to be included with the 2018 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly is attached.

The Delegation received a request from the Humane Society to change a section of the animal control statute to enable County Animal Control Officers the authority to investigate and enforce animal abuse and neglect cases. The Delegation requested input from the Board of Commissioners.

7. Public Commentary - None
8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the Garrett County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Attest:

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

2018 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES
BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. A request by the Board of County Commissioners that the Maryland General Assembly provide a Legislative Bond in the amount of \$164,000 for the following purpose:

Bloomington Water Storage Tank

The Bloomington Water System was constructed in 1982 by the Bloomington Improvement Association, Inc. – a group of residents who desired a community water system. Because of operational problems and poor water quality, in 1991 the Association turned the water system over to the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. which now owns and operates the system.

The existing Bloomington Water Distribution System consists of two deteriorating 60,000-gallon steel tanks located beside the Bloomington Water Treatment Plant. One of the tanks was recently taken off-line due the severely deteriorated condition of the tank.

The County will replace the two existing tanks with one 150,000-gallon tank at total cost of \$574,365. United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development grant funding of \$410,950 has been obtained, leaving an outstanding cost of \$163,415. This request is for gap funding to construct a 150,000-gallon water storage tank to service the Town of Bloomington.

Contact Person(s): Kevin G. Null, County Administrator
Patrick F. Hudnall, Director, Public Utilities

⇒ **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTION: Approved**

2. A request by the Board of County Commissioners that the Maryland General Assembly amend the Garrett County Maryland Code of Ordinance, Section 30.21 BIDS AND CONTRACTS

*(A) (1) Except for transactions under division (D) of this section or as otherwise authorized by law, the County Commissioners, or any employees of Garrett County, may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase to which the county is a party where the amount involved under the contract exceed ~~\$15,000~~ **\$25,000** without advertising in one or more newspapers circulated in the county.*

This change will align the County's procurement policy with the State of Maryland policies. At least three (3) competitive bids will be required under \$25,000.

Contact Person(s): Kevin G. Null, County Administrator
Brian Bowers, Purchasing Director

⇒ **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTION: Approved**

3. A request by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners that the Maryland General Assembly amend the following sections of the Maryland Annotated Code: Alcoholic Beverages Article - Title 21:

- Art Establishment License – Beer & Wine limited license for a non-profit gallery
- Beer & Wine Street Festival License – permitted in an Arts & Entertainment District

- Beer Wine Liquor (BWL) Tasting Alcoholic Beverages 21-1307 – upgrade / limited serving size & quantities of distilled spirits
- Deep Creek Art & Wine Festival – include craft beer at the festival
- Residency requirement – lower to one-year
- Beer Festival License – amend to include a qualifying non-profit as a potential applicant
- Corrective Bills will be brought to the attention of the Legislative Services Office.

Alcoholic Beverages (AB) Article 21-2007 New Year’s Eve – prior to the code revision, “serve” was in the statute

Alcoholic Beverages (AB) Article 21-1002(c) – Resort License “recreational facility” should be included

Contact Person(s): Deborah R. Owston, Administrator, Liquor Control Board

⇒ **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTION: Approved**