

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
June 18, 2019

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 3:15 P.M.

1. Board Reappointments:

Garrett County Licensing & Enforcement Board of Appeals –Three (3) Year Terms

Andrew Eiswert – Realtor Representative
William Ferry – Law Enforcement Representative
Samuel Ingram – Local Resident Representative
Barbara Pentz – Local TVRU Representative
John Pucciano – Lake Resident Representative

Upper Potomac River Commission – Six (6) Year Term

Wendell Beitzel – Garrett County Representative

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 reappointments. An official letter of reappointment will be sent to the appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

2. **Senior Nutrition Program – Community Action Committee, Inc.**

The Maryland Office of Aging adopted a formula for distributing senior nutrition funds in 2016 that was based on the following:

- ❖ 75% weight to jurisdiction's share of the statewide population aged over 60 who were below the poverty level
- ❖ 25% weight to jurisdiction's share of the statewide population aged over 60 compared to Maryland's total persons over the age of 60

However, because cuts were so drastic, the Maryland Office on Aging put into place a formula which redistributed half of the money going to jurisdictions, who were gaining funds, back to the jurisdictions who were losing money. Unfortunately, now the Maryland Office on Aging has decided to implement the original 2016 formula in Fiscal Year 2020 without any modifications which put back into place the severe cuts that were originally contemplated in 2016.

Under the new system, Garrett goes from \$60,325 to \$15,570 or a 74% cut. This is the second highest in the State compared to Somerset (75%).

The two programs that are effected in Garrett County are the home delivered meals and the congregate meals at the senior centers creating a funding gap of \$44,755. Community Action Committee, Inc. is working to secure approximately \$20,000 to help offset the loss.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, authorized funding \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2020 for the Senior Nutrition Program.

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 3:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:02 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no addition 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 June 18, 2019.
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 June 3, 2019.
3. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations:

Bid #19-0523 – Garrett County Animal Shelter HVAC Upgrades

One(1) response was received for this Bid: Rush Services, Inc. (\$51,155.00)

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Facilities & Maintenance, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Rush Services, Inc. for \$51,155.00.

Bid #19-0530 – Glen Cove Circle Sewer Extension

Four (4) responses were received for this Bid: Carl Belt, Inc. (\$41,582.00), Frank Arnold Construction (\$46,036.00), Excavating Associates (\$76,690.00) and Whitehorse Excavating (\$99,900.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Carl Belt, Inc. for \$41,582.00.

Bid #19-0502MO – Motor Oil and Grease

Four (4) Responses were received for this Bid: Bruceton Petroleum, Co., PPC Lubricants, Inc., Garrett Industrial Supply, and RRJ Enterprises.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to PPC Lubricants, Inc. Specifics of the award are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Bid #19-0502C – Culvert Pipe

Three (3) responses were received for this Bid: Chemung Supply Corporation, Ferguson Enterprises, and Garrett Industrial Supply.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Chemung Supply Corporation. Specifics of the award are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Bid #19-0509F – Filters

Two (2) responses were received for this Bid: Taz Automotive, Inc. and The Baltimore Auto Supply Company.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to The Baltimore Auto Supply Company. Specifics of the award are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Bid #19-0425CS – Crushed Stone Aggregates

Seven (7) responses were received for this Bid: Maryland Minerals, George’s Creek Stone, Keystone Lime – Eichorn Quarry, Keystone Lime – Cranesville Quarry, Allegany Aggregates, Fairfax Concrete – Oakland, and Fairfax Stone – Scherr Plant.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from County departments, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended that based on the bids prices, location of the project, and hauling costs, each bid will be evaluated and purchased in the best interest of the County. Specifics of the award are on file with the Purchasing Department.

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 Bid Awards as recommended.

4. Resolution 2019 – 4: Garrett County Government

- Fiscal Year 2020 Constant Yield Tax Rate
- Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Differential
- Fiscal Year 2020 Operating and Capital Budget

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 2019 -4 Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2020 Constant Yield Tax Rate, Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Differential, and Fiscal Year 2020 Operating and Capital Budget. Attached is a copy of Resolution 2019 – 4.

5. Public Commentary:

- ❖ Mark Widmyer, Western Maryland Outreach Coordinator for the Governor’s Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, spoke on the importance of an accurate census count and the effects an undercount of would have on funding.

- ❖ Bidding process question concerning if lower bids help the budget? Yes, before the County bids a project it has an estimated project cost. If bids received are lower, there is a savings to the County.
- ❖ Sewer Tax Increase Concerns – The Ad Valorem Tax for the Western Conveyance project was implemented in 2012. The Board of County Commissioners will not commit to projects that would increase the current Ad Valorem rate.
- ❖ Accommodation Tax Increase on senior concerns – By increasing the Accommodation Tax there will be less impact on citizens. The Board continues to look at ways to cut costs.

6. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Deer Park Town Hall.

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 4:30 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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Resolution 2019 – 4**Garrett County Government****2020 CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE****2020 TAX DIFFERENTIAL****Fiscal Year 2020 Budget**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County must adopt a budget by June 30, 2019 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services Director, at the request of the Board held budget hearings with all County Departments and the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to review their request and develop a balanced Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the Board's review and approval.

WHEREAS, the Board held a public preliminary budget hearing on June 12, 2019 at Garrett College Auditorium, and sought additional public input; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County adopts:

Constant Yield

In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$.9888 county-wide, excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park. The County will not maintain the constant yield tax rate and will increase the property tax rate to \$1.0560.

Real Property Tax

Garrett County shall set the Real Property tax rate to \$1.0560 per \$100 of assessment county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park and \$.9907 per \$100 of assessment for Mountain Lake Park.

Public Utilities Tax

Garrett County shall set the Public Utilities tax rate to \$2.6400 per \$100 of assessment county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park and \$2.4768 per \$100 of assessment for Mountain Lake Park.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget


Operating and Capital Budget – \$83,233,703.

Ad Valorem Tax

The Ad Valorem Tax for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. shall be:

<u>District</u>	
Bloomington Sanitary District	\$0.14
Chestnut Ridge Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.21
Deep Creek Lake Water Sanitary District	\$0.10
Deep Creek Lake Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.09
Deer Park Water Sanitary District	\$0.15
Deer Park Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.15
Friendsville Sanitary District	\$0.09
Jennings Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.06
Keyser's Ridge Water Sanitary District	\$0.24
Meadow Mountain Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.07
Mountain Lake Park - Loch Lynn Water Sanitary District	\$0.05
Mountain Lake Park - Loch Lynn Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.04


Adopted the 18th day of June 2019, Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.


PAUL C. EDWARDS
Chairman


JAMES C. HINEBAUGH, JR.
Commissioner


S. LARRY TICHNELL
Commissioner

Witness:


KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator