

# BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/garrettcountygovernment/>

## IN ATTENDANCE

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards**  
**Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh**  
**Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**  
  
**County Administrator Kevin G. Null**

## ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. **Appointment – Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee – Three (3) Year Term**  
The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards appointed Mark Bishop.  
  
Official letters will be sent to Mr. Bishop under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.
2. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

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

### **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Pastor Kroll**

Chairman Edwards asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Pearl Harbor Day.

## PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no addition or deletion 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 7, 2022.
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 22, 2022.
3. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division presented the following Bid Award and Bid Rejection:
  - ❖ **Contract No. GA417ZM2 F.A. Project No. APL-3(799)E – Keyzers Ridge Business Park Local Access Road**  
Seven (7) Bids were received for this Bid: Green River Group, LLC (\$1,398,720.50), Excavating Associates, Inc. (\$1,658,020.00), Bear Contracting, LLC (\$1,675,985.40), BYCO Enterprises, Inc. (\$1,729,000.880), Charles J. Merlo, Inc. (\$1,935,884.00), First Fruits Excavating, Inc. (\$2,011,341.00), and Bright Construction Group (\$2,418,418.00).  
  
After reviewing the Bid for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the concurrence received from the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Green River Group, LLC for a Grand Total of \$1,398,720.50.

The Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2023 Budget includes an appropriation in the amount of \$1,658,475.97 to fund this project.

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 as recommended.

❖ **Bid Rejection – Professional Architectural Consulting Services Rehabilitation of the Frederick A. Thayer, III Courthouse**

The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division received one (1) bid response for this project and recommended rejecting this bid due to the cost being higher than the available budget for this project.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, rejected the Bid as recommended. There are no plans to rebid for this project at this time.

4. **Garrett County Government – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Conclusion**

- ❖ Proclamation and Coin Dedication
- ❖ Garrett County Arts Council – Presentation of Commissioned Artwork
- ❖ Garrett County 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Video Clip
- ❖ Recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee: Carol Riley-Alexander, Kim Durst, Sarah Myers, Mary Mateer Cummings, Kim Folk, Thomas Vose, and John MacGowan.

5. **Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh – Farewell Message**

Commissioner Hinebaugh stated that it was a great eight years working with Commissioners Edwards and Tichnell. He stated that he was proud of what has been accomplished: balanced budget all eight years, got through COVID without any major issues, helped people by first-time homes, increased funding to the Scholarship Program, Capital Projects – Performing Arts Center, STEM, turf fields and tracks for the high schools, Grantsville Elementary School renovations, Southern Garrett High School renovations, Towns, non-profits, and working with an affordable housing program.

Commissioner Hinebaugh expressed his appreciation to the Executive Assistant Carol A. Riley-Alexander for all her assistance and to his wife, Barbara, for being so supportive.

Chairman Edwards and Commissioner Tichnell thanked Commissioner Hinebaugh. This Board of County Commissioners developed a great team, something that is not the norm around the state.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

- ❖ Update on the Maryland Television Initiative. The groups spoke with Congressman Trone’s office and have confirmed that the FCC will allow Maryland television programs to be carried in the Pittsburgh Market. They also confirmed that there are no federal funds available for the license process.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ Chairman Edwards and Commissioner Tichnell presented a wooden plaque to Commissioner Hinebaugh in recognition of his eight years of service as a County Commissioner. A reception for Commissioner Hinebaugh would be held after the Public Meeting on this date.
- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the 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 4:43 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