

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 3, 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. **Board Appointments:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed the following individuals:

Garrett County Law Enforcement Officers Pension System Board of Directors – Two (2) Year Term – Reappointment of Major Colt Ruby. This appointment was the result of a general election held among the Garrett County Sheriff Department employees.

Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board – 2-Year Terms:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Reappointments</u>
Alisha Martin	Holly Fleming
	Penny Proudfoot
	Mary VanSickle

Official letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of the appointment.

2. **Payment-In-Lieu of Real Property Tax – Accident Community Housing Corporation**
Accident Community Housing Corporation – Request for Fiscal Year 2024 Payment-In-Lieu of Real Property Tax granted under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 7-502.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a Payment-In-Lieu of Real Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Accident Community Housing

3. **Fiscal Year 2024 Program Open Space Project Requests** – Siera Wigfield, Senior Planning, Garrett County Department of Community Development & Planning – Planning & Land Management Division, presented requests for Fiscal Year 2024 Program Open Space Funding. Sixteen (16) development projects were submitted from eleven (11) municipalities/organizations totaling \$871,672.00.

Program Open Space funding available for Fiscal Year 2024 totaled \$509,062.00.

The Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the following projects:

1. Town of Kitzmiller	Portable Stage	\$27,000.00
2. Town of Loch Lynn	Wetland Trail Accessibility Retrofits and Decking Replacement	\$27,000.00
3. Bloomington Civic Association	Bloomington Community Park Walking Track Pavement	\$ 5,400.00

4. Deep Creek Lions Club	Pavilion at McHenry Community Park	\$70,000.00
5. Town of Oakland	Glades Park Pickleball Standards and Security System	\$12,600.00
	Broadford Park Pavilions 3 &4 Improvements	\$34,200.00
6. Eastern Garrett County Recreation & Parks Association	Lacrosse Field	\$13,950.00
7. Town of Friendsville	Recreational Parking Lot	\$20,250.00
8. Garrett College	Multi-Use Sports Field Upgrade	\$51,297.30
9. Town of Accident	Pickle Ball Court	\$30,240.00
10. Town of Grantsville	Playground Flooring	\$21,289.50
	Tennis Court Bleachers	\$13,500.00
	Handicap Fishing Access	\$43,650.00
	Playground Improvements – Musical Steps	\$ 7,125.00
	Park Improvements – Field Acquisition	\$81,557.20
11. Town of Mtn. Lake Park	Playground & Pavilion Veteran’s Park	\$50,000.00

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Program Open Space Project funding.

4. 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 Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated one (1) addition and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Southern Garrett Rescue Squad will be in attendance to receive a certificate in honor of its 50th Anniversary. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for July 3, 2023.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023.
3. **RECOGNITIONS:**
 - ❖ Melinda Smith-Pritt – Gut Check Championship Series Muay Thai Champion. First individual to receive this award from Garrett County.
 - ❖ Southern Garrett Rescue Squad – 50th Anniversary
4. **Garrett County Commission for Women**
Lisa Thayer-Welch, Chair, Garrett County Commission for Women presented the Board of County Commissioners with an update.
5. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following recommendation:

Bid #23-0615 – Puzzley Well Site Security Fence

Three (3) Bids were received for this Bid: Hercules Fence of Maryland, LLC (\$30,800.00), Pro Max Fence Systems, LLC (\$34,837.00), and Long Fence Co. (\$40,030.00).

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 Hercules Fence of Maryland, LLC for \$30,800.00.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Bid Award as recommended.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Accident Volunteer Fire Department.
- ❖ The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will conduct a Public Hearing on the Swallow Falls Bridge Replacement and the Youghiogheny Scenic and Wild Rivers Application on Monday, July 10, 2023 at Garrett College – Room 111. The Open House will begin at 5:00 PM with the Public Hearing from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:25 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners