

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2020

Meeting was Held via Video Conference

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

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 June 1, 2020.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioners Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2020.
3. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations:

Contract #GC424ZM1 & AT723B59 – Meadow Mountain Trail Phase 3 Construction Project:

Nine (9) responses were received for this Bid: Outdoor Contractors, Inc. (\$197,645.44), Beitzel Excavating (\$198,537.84), BYCO Enterprises (\$225,688.60), Excavating Associates (\$243,988.20), Lashley Construction (\$247,302.44), Industrial Wood Biofuels (\$253,919.45), Ruby's Industrial Contracting (\$256,658.45), Carl Belt (\$267,613.10), and Guyer Brothers (\$320,497.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the concurrence received from the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Outdoor Contractors, Inc. for \$197,645.44.

This project is federally funded using Appalachia Funds and National Recreational Trail Funds.

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.

4. **Garrett County Planning Commission – Reappointment** – Five (5) 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, reappointed Tim Schwinabart to the Garrett County Planning Commission for a Five (5) Year Term.

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

5. **Garrett County Government – Fiscal Year 2021 Operating & Capital Budget.**

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates – Resolution 2020 – 1 (attached).

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and adopted the Constant Yield Rate, all other applicable tax rates, and the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution 2020 - 1. Each Commissioner made comments on the budgetary review and approval process.

6. **COMMENTS:**

❖ Maryland Television: Chairman Edwards reported that acquiring Maryland Television in Garrett County has proven to be more complicated than originally contemplated. Gorman Getty, County Attorney, has been in contact with the Maryland/DC Broadcasters Association. The Board of County Commissioners will be issuing a press release with updates in the near future.

❖ 2020 Census: Reminder to complete the 2020 Census. To-date approximately 48% of County residents have completed the Census.

❖ Road Map to Recovery Plan: The Board of County Commissioners is concerned with misinformation following Governor Hogan’s announcement giving local governments the authority to implement Phase 1 on his *Road Map to Recovery Plan*. The authority granted is whether to implement the criteria laid-out in the plan. The Board of County Commissioners does not have the authority to do more than what the Governor allows. For example, outside dining is now permitted, the Board of County Commissioners has no authority to permit or authority indoor dining until the Governor issues that authority.

Governor Hogan has proceeded to ease restrictions dealing with the COVID -19 State of Emergency, on a statewide basis but has reserved the right for local jurisdictions to modify his actions, if circumstances warrant. Garrett County Government has utilized the Governor's guidance and have, to this point, fared better than most jurisdictions in the State.

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to continue to follow the Governor's directives. As a result, until or unless the Health Officer for Garrett County directs otherwise, Garrett County will proceed with openings in accordance with Governor Hogan's present and future directives. As the Governor announces guidelines related to the COVID -19 State of Emergency, those actions will apply in Garrett County unless the Garrett County Health Officer directs otherwise.

7. Chairman Edwards announced a Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. is for the application by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. for CARES Act funding through Maryland Community Development Block Grant. Information can be found on the Garrett County Department of Economic Development website. The Hearing will be live streamed and comments can be made to gccomments@garrettcounty.org
8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via live stream.

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 4:18 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 2020 – 1**Garrett County Government**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2021 TAX RATES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County must adopt a budget by June 30, 2020 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; 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 2021 Budget for the Board's review and approval.

WHEREAS, the Board held a public live online preliminary budget hearing on May 19, 2020, 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 \$1.0479 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 \$.9909 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 \$2.4773 per \$100 of assessment for Mountain Lake Park.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget


Operating and Capital Budget – \$82,617,295.

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	\$0.11
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

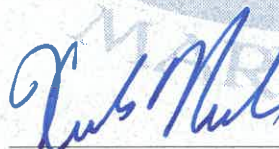
Adopted the 1st day of June 2020, Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.


 PAUL C. EDWARDS
 Chairman


 JAMES C. HINEBAUGH, JR.
 Commissioner


 S. LARRY TICHNELL
 Commissioner

Witness:


 KEVIN G. NULL
 County Administrator