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Garrett County Commissioners Fiscal Year 2020 Budget April 8, 2019 Open Session Summary

April 10, 2019, Oakland, MD – The Fiscal 2020 Garrett County Government Budget will be prepared with an emphasis on sound fiscal management, relationship building, and timely decision making. Emphasis is on long-term financial planning with revenue projections for the next five (5) years.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold public work sessions where county-supported organizations, outside funded agencies, and county departments will have an opportunity to present budget requests directly to the Board.

Monday, April 8 session was at the Garrett County Courthouse to review the Garrett County Board of Education's proposed budget.

- Superintendent of Garrett County Schools Ms. Barbara Baker and the elected Board of Education members presented the Superintendent's proposed budget request.
 - Ms. Baker highlighted instructional goals and priorities such as embedding technology, behavior intervention, and closing the achievement gaps for an increased maintenance of effort asked of the Board of County Commissioners.
 - Capital requests by the Superintendent were limited as a comprehensive study on facility utilization is currently underway by an outside consultant. The study will be completed and presented to the Board of County Commissioners in November 2019.

Upcoming budget presentation sessions are:

- Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30pm at the Garrett County Courthouse
 - Garrett County Health Department
 - County Departments
- Tuesday, May 21 at 5:00pm at Garrett College
 - Public Presentation of FY 2020 Budget

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget is scheduled to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the Public Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019.

The Board of County Commissioners is proud of the sound fiscal and strategic decisions made to this point and are thankful for the dedicated employees who continue to provide outstanding services to the citizens of Garrett County.

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About Garrett County Government: The County is governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), whose three members serve four-year terms and must live in the District which they represent. The Board may exercise only such powers as are conferred by the General Assembly of Maryland. The County is administered under a line organizational method, with the County Administrator responsible for overseeing the financial planning, annual budget process, personnel management, and direction and management of operations within the organization.