

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
August 18, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. Mr. Null presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following recommendations of appointment:
 - The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edward, appointed M. Elizabeth Georg to the Garrett County Planning Committee. Ms. George will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Richard Schiff who resigned due to health reasons.
 - The Board, on a motion by Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Miriam Sincell to the Garrett County Government Civil Service Board. Ms. Sincell will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Donald Stemple who resigned.

Letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards specifying all terms of appointment.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property tax credit for the Accident Community Housing Corporation.
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.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting agenda. Mr. Null indicated one addition to the Agenda; a Proclamation recognizing the United Way of Garrett County Day. There are no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for August 18, 2015. 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 August 18, 2015.
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 for July 21, 2015 and Executive Session Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2015.

3. The Board of County Commissioners were presented with updates from the following agencies:
- Garrett County Department of Economic Development. Alex McCoy, Director of Economic Development presented an overview of the Economic Development Department and provided an update on projects and programs currently underway.
 - Garrett County Department of Engineering. Director Dwight Emory presented the Board with an overview and of the Engineering Department and provided an update on various projects.

4. Garrett County Board of Elections

- Demonstration of New Voting Units. Director Steven Fratz presented the Board with a demonstration of the new machines. Maryland's new voting system produces a voter-verifiable paper record – a "paper trail" – of each voter's selections. Voters will use an ExpressVote ballot marking device similar to the touchscreen machines Marylanders have used to mark their ballots for a decade. These devices will print voters' selections on a paper ballot card. Voters will then review their ballots and then insert them into the DS200 tabulation device. The ballots automatically drop into the secure ballot box.

The Primary Election is April 26, 2016 with early voting from April 14-21, 2016. The General Election is November 8, 2016 with early voting from October 27-November 3, 2016.

5. Public Commentary

- Dr. Albert Getty presented a history residential development of the Turkey Neck subdivision and expressed his concerns with the purchase of property by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for use as a public access point.
- Brett Winegardner asked if the Board was willing to meet with a group of residents from Turkey Neck. Chairman Edwards indicated that the Board is always willing to meet with citizens and listen to their concerns. Mr. Winegardner will schedule a meeting.
- Several other residents spoke in opposition to the purchase of property by DNR and asked that the Board of Commissioners send a letter of opposition to the purchase to DNR.

6. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under Section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for July 21, 2015 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved into Executive Session under Section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session. There will no public disclosure of these issues.

7. 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 and moved into Executive Session under Section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address legal matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date