

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**November 5, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 6:00 PM at the Accident Town Hall**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting agenda. Mr. Null indicated there are no additions/deletions. 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 November 5, 2015.
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 the Public Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2015.
3. The Board of County Commissioners issued a Proclamation in recognition of The Greater Cumberland Committee's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
4. Tim Ailsworth, Executive Director of the Local Government Insurance Trust presented a training grant for \$2,625 to Gregan Crawford, Director of Transportation, Garrett Transit Services, for "Safety Training and Rural Transit and Evacuation Procedures".
5. Representatives from Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) gave a presentation on the Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Program and requested endorsement of the program by the Board of County Commissioners. 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 endorsement of the SHA Tourist Area Corridor Signing Program concept.
6. Garrett County Memorial Hospital Supplemental Bond Resolution.  
Garrett County is authorized to issue \$15,000,000 in bond funding to assist the Board of Governors of Garrett County Memorial Hospital in financing and refinancing "hospital improvements". In November 2014 the Board of County Commissioners issued \$10,000,000 in bonds. The Board of Governors of Garrett County Memorial Hospital has requested that the County issue \$5,000,000 of bonds as authorized by the Enabling Act in calendar year 2015.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved to accept the First Supplemental Loan Agreement.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, passed a Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$5,000,000 in bonds for Garrett County Memorial Hospital.

7. Request from the Greater Cumberland Committee to participate in the Regional Job Intern Bank and contribute \$2,000 towards the project. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved payment to The Greater Cumberland Committee in the amount of \$2,000 for the Regional Job Bank.

8. Agreement to accept Overlook Pass into the Public Roads System

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 agreement to accept Overlook Pass into the County Road System. A Public Hearing on the Petition to Open the Road will be scheduled.

9. Public Commentary

- The Mayor and Town Council of Accident thanked the Board for coming to the community and indicated they may be seeking a Letter of Support from the County for their water/sewer projects.
- Request to place information concerning the Regional Job Intern Bank on the County website as program is developed.
- Representative from Engage Mountain Maryland presented a letter to the Board requesting a definition or clarification of "safe fracking". Chairman Edwards accepted the letter for the Board's consideration.
- Request for an update on the Water/Sewer Master Plan to include a review of the cost saving processes that have been implemented.

10. Board of County Commissioners schedule.

Chairman Edwards announced that the Annual County Update will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Auditorium at Garrett College at 6:00 PM. The regular Public Meeting will be held 4:00 PM in the College Auditorium.

11. 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 6:34 PM.

**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

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Date