

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
September 20, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The Administrative Session was open at 4:00 P.M.

1. Health Care Coalition Discussion: The Board met with the Garrett County Board of Education and Garrett College Board of Trustees. Members of the Board of Education present were: Monica Rinker, Thomas Carr, Matthew Paugh, Interim Finance Director Alison Sweitzer, and Interim Superintendent Barbara Baker. Members of the Garrett College Board of Trustees present were: Don Morin and Dean of Administration Randy Bittinger. Also in attendance was Scott Weeks, Director, Garrett County Department of Financial Services.

The topic under discussion is what would each entity have as a vote on Coalition matters. The proposal was that each entity would have one (1) vote. All three entities expressed desire to maintain the Healthcare Coalition and recognized the need for benefits to be uniform.

Proposal: Maintain the Healthcare Coalition with healthcare benefits uniform for all three entities. The Coalition will establish parameters for negotiations related to healthcare. Each entity will have one (1) vote. A Memorandum of Understanding will be developed within the next 2-3 weeks and will include the scope of coverage.

Chairman Edwards polled each member of the Garrett County Board of Education and Garrett College Board of Trustees and each affirmed their agreement to this proposal.

The Administrative Session was closed at 4:47 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 6:05 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Jeff Kroll

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions or deletions 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 September 20, 2016.
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 September 6, 2016.

3. Adoption of Agreement between Garrett County Government and Maryland Clean Energy Center (MD-PACE) - The County has authorized and established a commercial property assessed clean energy loan program pursuant to a Resolution passed and adopted on July 5, 2016. Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) agrees to work with the County to implement the MD-PACE Program and to obtain financing for the Program.

To secure financing for the program, Maryland Clean Energy Center and the County are authorized to enter into an agreement to which the County has agreed to assess and collect, remit and assign surcharges to MCEC in return for qualifying improvements for Commercial Property Owners within the County for cost reasonably incurred by the County in performing those duties. The purpose of the surcharge is to repay the clean energy loan under the PACE Program loan agreement and to cover cost to operate the PACE Program.

The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved the agreement with Maryland Clean Energy Center

4. Public Commentary
 - Citizen has filed a complaint against a contractor with the Maryland State Department of Labor and Licensing and wanted the County to be aware of the issue.
5. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Garrett County Commissioner’s Public Meeting Room located at the Garrett County Courthouse with an Administrative Session scheduled at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 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 6:25 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners