

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
February 21, 2017

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 3:05 P.M.

1. Application by Avilton Community Association for exemption of real property tax as a non-profit organization - Article 81, Section 9-C (j1). Exemption is for County property tax of \$2,630.43. 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 exemption.
2. Mr. Null reviewed several administrative and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2017.
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 of February 6, 2017.
3. Recognition
 - The Board of County Commissioners recognized Lonnie Rush upon his retirement for his 19+ years of service with the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division. Mr. Rush was presented a certificate and a clock.
 - The Board of County Commissioners recognized Troy Ellington for over 13 years of service on the Garrett County Planning Commission. Mr. Ellington was presented a Certificate and a framed watercolor print.

4. Proclamation: Garrett County SPAY Awareness Month – February 2017. Dameion Spiker, a 4th grade student at Broad Ford Elementary for his “*Be the Change You Wish to see in the World*” project for school submitted the request, and wrote the Proclamation for SPAY Awareness.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Meeting and opened a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan.

The Public Hearing was opened at 4:14 P.M.

Pat Hudnall, Director, Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, reviewed the proposed text amendments to the Master Plan:

Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant

The proposed amendment would modify the Plan to discuss the need for Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrades to the Deep Creek Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Trout Run Wastewater Treatment Plant

The proposed amendment would modify the Plan to discuss the need for Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrades to the Trout Run Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Plan would also be modified to discuss the regionalization of the Trout Run Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Oakland Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Bloomington Water

The proposed amendment would increase the volume of the planned water shortage tank from 100,000 gallons to 150,000 gallons.

There was no public comment. The Public Hearing was closed at 4:18 p.m.

MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC MEETING

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 reopen the Public Meeting.

6. RESOLUTION # 2017-1 - Resolution approving the proposed change to the 2014 Garrett County Water and Sewerage Plan. The proposed amendments pertain to the Deep Creek Lake Sewerage Service Area, Trout Run Sewerage Service Area, and Bloomington Water Service Area and shall replace/add text to pages 4-11, 4-14, and 3-23, Table 3-4 on page 3-39 and Table 3-6 on page 3-41 of the Plan. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Resolution #2017-1.
7. Public Commentary-
 - Commissioner Edwards announced the resignation of Mr. Thomas Carr from the Garrett County Board of Education. The Board of County Commissioners will accept letters of interest for the Board of Education vacancy until March 3, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. The Board will appoint a person to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Education at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2017.
 - Question concerning the reported “misinformation” provided by the Garrett County Board of Elections related to the residency of Mr. Carr on the Board of Education and the oversight/responsibility of the County Commissioners.

8. The Board of County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Public Meeting Room, Garrett County Courthouse.

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 4:20 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners