

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**January 7, 2019**

**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 opened at 3:10 P.M.

1. Appointment – Garrett County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals for a two (2) year term to the Garrett County Local Emergency Planning Committee:

GC Local Emergency Planning Committee (A) Appointment (R) Reappointment		Representing
Primary	Secondary	
Alicia Streets (R)	Rick DeWitt (R)	GC Social Services
Duane Yoder (R)	Michael Hill (A)	Community Action Committee
Wayne Tiemersma (R)	John Feather (R)	GC Fire & EMS
William Swift (R)	Richard Wesolowski (R)	GC BOE
Patrick Hudnall (R)	Dan O'Brien (R)	GC Public Utilities
Jeffrey Hinebaugh (R)	John Lipscomb (R)	Garrett Regional Medical
John Reginaldi (R)	Kyle Overly (R)	MEMA
Anthony Crawford (R)	Richard Cosner (R)	MD SHA
Jay Moyer (R)	Paul Harvey (R)	GC County Roads
Lt. Brian Kloos (R)	F/Sgt. Bradley Williams (R)	MD State Police
Rob Corley (R)	Mike Bittinger (R)	GC Sheriff's Department
Robert Stephens (A)	Craig Umbel (R)	GC Health Center
Dwayne Kitis (R)	Andrew Naumann (R)	Emergency Med. Services
John Frank (R)	Virginia Smith (R)	GC Public Safety
Kenneth Collins (R)	Justin Orendorf (R)	GC Public Safety – Communications
Lou Battistella (R)	George "Sonny" Vincent (R)	Emergency Services Board
Jim Hinebaugh (R)	Paul Edwards (R)	County Commissioner
Nathaniel Watkins (R)	Andrew Sauder (R)	GC Technology & Communications
Shelly Menear (R)	Doug Beitzel (R)	Garrett College
Sgt. Mike Friend (R)	Sgt. Jeff Sweitzer (R)	MD Natural Resources Police
Jim Crowder (A)	David Kline (R)	Private Business – First Energy

An official letter will be sent to all under the signature of Chairman Edward outlining the terms of appointment.

2. Review of a letter from the Mayor and Town Council of Friendsville requesting assistance to complete the Town's Recreational Parking Lot. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Chairman Edwards, and made unanimous by Commissioner Hinebaugh, approved funding \$4,500 to complete Phase 2 of the parking lot due to unexpected engineering costs.
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 at 4:05 PM**

#### **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Rexrode**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no addition or deletion 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 January 7, 2019.
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 December 18, 2018.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, reappointed Gorman E. Getty, III as County Attorney. Mr. Getty will serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.
4. Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County – Thomas Vose, Director, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County announced the **Choose Civility Initiative** program kickoff in Garrett County.

**Choose Civility Initiative** is an ongoing community-wide initiative, led by Howard County Library System, to position Howard County, Maryland as a model of civility. Garrett County residents, as well as other communities around the nations, are invited to participate.

**Choose Civility Mission** - Valuing diversity, we choose respect, compassion, empathy, and inclusiveness as essential to our quality of life.

5. Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan – Administrative Council Yearly Review. The Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management Watershed Coordinator, Gary Aronhalt, presented the Board of County Commissioners with an update on activities of the Administrative Council.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**
  - Question concerning public communications and what is the County's process for enhanced public communication. Sarah Myers, Garrett County Government Communication Officer,

stated that the goals of the office is to develop a process to provide timely, consistent information to the public as well as publish feature stories on County projects.

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 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 at 4:28 P.M.

**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