

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
January 21, 2020

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 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

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 21, 2020.
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 January 6, 2020.

3. Real Property Exemption – Garrett Regional Medical Center

Request for Fiscal Year 2020 County Property Tax Abatement for the following Garrett Regional Medical Center properties authorized in the Maryland Tax Code §9-313:

Account # 17013254	Lots 61-69 Pythian Avenue (Tressler)
Account # 17004115	15.94 Acres W/S Pythian Avenue (Undeveloped)
Account # 17013262	Lots 70-80 Pythian Avenue (Medical Office Building)
Account # 17002813	307 N. Fourth St (Browning House)
Account # 16024996	S/S Francis Sanders Drive W (Storage Building)
Account # 17008412	222 North Fourth Street (Darby House)

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 real property exemption for Garrett Regional Medical Center for Fiscal Year 2020 as authorized in the Maryland Tax Code §9-313.

Request for a refund of \$1,414.57 which is the County's portion for Tax Year 2019 for the following two parcels of property owned by the Board of Governors of Garrett County Memorial Hospital:

Account # 14016260	79.98 Acres 0.3 Mi W Rt 219 North (Lapp Land) \$979.01
Account # 14035095	25.00 Acres Parcel 1-B W/S Rt 219 (Lapp Land) \$435.56

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 refund of the real property tax paid in Fiscal Year 2019 in the amount of \$1,414.57.

A copy of this approval will be sent to the Garrett County Department of Financial Services and the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation.

4. Public Commentary:

- ❖ Announcement of Community Presentation Meeting Schedule beginning at 5:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department
 - Monday, March 2, 2020 – Garrett College – GIEC – Room 111
 - Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – Southern Garrett Rescue Squad
- ❖ Kirwan Commission Update
 - Discussions with Delegation in Annapolis - Commissioner Hinebaugh has attended meetings recently in Annapolis, consensus is that Kirwan will pass but not sure in what form. Financial impact will likely change during the process.
 - County Commissioners will hold public meetings/presentations to inform the public to help them understand the possible effect of the Kirwan proposal.
 - Kirwan proposal includes some good recommendations, including some that the County is presently doing as pre-K Kindergarten.
 - Concern of the Kirwan proposal mandated funding that the County cannot afford.

5. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the 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 4:26 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

James C. Hinebaugh, Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners