

Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes

March 4, 2020

I. Call to order

Tony Doerr called to order the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission at 1:34 pm on March 4, 2020 in the Commissioners Public Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.

II. Attendance

The following Commission members and planning staff were present: Tony Doerr, Jeff Messenger, Tim Schwinabart, Liz George, Billy Weissgerber, Bruce Swift, Jim Hinebaugh and Chad Fike

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. New Business

- a) **Comprehensive Plan Update-Water Resources-** During the February review of the Water Resources Chapter, the Commission asked for the addition of a statement regarding issues with odors at treatment pump stations. Mr. Fike presented a statement based on information provided by the Department of Public Works. The language was found acceptable by the group.
- b) **Comprehensive Plan Update- Infrastructure-** The Planning Commission agreed with the language in the draft Infrastructure Chapter.
- c) **Comprehensive Plan Update- Broadband -**The Planning Commission agreed with a draft section on broadband that will be included in the Economic Development Chapter.
- d) **Comprehensive Plan Update- Community Facilities-** The group reviewed the Community Facilities Chapter and made the following comments and/or edits:
 - Under Section 4/2/1 Goals and Objectives, the Commission agreed with language about maintaining and upgrading school facilities
 - In the Fire and Emergency Management section, the group agreed with language expressing their concerns about Staffing and Service.
 - A revised Health Care section was reviewed and approved.

- In the Public Libraries section the group deleted a list of specific library recommendations since the complete list can already be found in the Library's Strategic Plan.

V. Next Meeting – April 1, 2020 (subject to change)

VI. Adjournment

Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Chad Fike, Assistant Director