

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**HELD AT SWANTON COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**July 17, 2018**

**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 6:00 PM**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there was 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 July 17, 2018.
2. 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 Minutes of June 19, 2018.
3. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations:

**A. Bid #18-0607 – Avilton Community Center LED Sign**

Three (3) Bids were received for this Bid: Western Maryland Sign Service, Inc. (\$23,592.00), Kenney Signs (\$25,900.00), and City Neon, Inc. (\$31,981.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Avilton Community Association, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Western Maryland Sign Service, Inc. for \$23,592.00. Funding for this project is through Fiscal Year 2017 Program Open Space Funds in the amount of \$34,521.30.

**B. Bid #18-0621CC – Custodial Cleaning & Paper Products**

Eight (8) Bids were received for this Bid: Janitor Supply, A.F. Wendling, Pepper's Inc., Interboro Packaging, A. D. Naylor and Co., Pryamid School Products, Central Poly, and All American Poly.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Garrett County Department of Facilities & Maintenance, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding various custodial cleaning & paper products to Janitor Supply Company, Pepper's Inc., A.D. Naylor and Co., and Interboro Packaging Corp. Specifics of the award for type of product and vendor are on file with the Purchasing Department.

**C. Bid #18-0614 – Waterwheel Road Area Sewer Line Extension Project**

Three (3) Bids were received for this Bid. R.C. Newman, LLC (\$108,898.00), Excavating Associates, Inc. (\$157,711.00), and Carl Belt, Inc. (\$159,670.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended rejecting all bids due to the Maryland Department of the Environment Bay Restoration funding unavailability for this project.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved all the bid awards and bid rejection as recommended.

**4. Board Appointments:**

- Garrett County Drug Free Communities Coalition - Appointment – Kathy Beals for a four (4) year term that expires December 31, 2022. Ms. Beals will be a representative on the Board for individuals who has received substance abuse services in Garrett County. 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 appointment.

An official letter of appointment will be sent to Ms. Beals under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

- Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board:  
Appointment – Angela Mathias fulfilling the term of Jessica Salinas  
Appointment – Scott Hollingsworth – Fulfilling the term of Bill Aspinall  
Appointment – Suzanne Ryan  
Reappointments – Carrie DiSimone and Linda Green

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 appointments and reappointments.

An official letter of appointment will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

- Garrett County Youghiogheny River Advisory Board – Appointment – Gary Aronhalt – County Representative. Mr. Aronhalt will be fulfilling the unexpired term of William DeVore who is retiring. This term will expire on March 22, 2020. 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 appointment.

An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. Aronhalt under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

**5. Real Property Exemption – Community Action Committee**

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 real property exemption as authorized in Property Tax Credit §9-313 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2019 for the following properties owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee:

- Overlook Early Child Education Center (41 High View Drive, Oakland, MD)
- Grantsville Senior Center (125 Durst Circle, Grantsville, MD)
- Transportation Museum Lot (112 Liberty St, Oakland, MD)
- Liberty Street Center (360 W. Liberty Street, Oakland, MD)

- Former M & T Bank building (234 Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD)
- Transit Maintenance Facility (225 Frances Sanders Lane, Oakland, MD)
- Vacant Lot – Future Meadows Senior Center (606 P Street – Mtn. Lake Park, MD)

6. **Real Property Exemption – Swanton Community Center Inc.**

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 real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2019 for the Swanton Community Center, Inc.

7. **RESOLUTION: 2018 – 5 Other Post Employment Retirement Benefits**

Effective June 30, 2018, the Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefit will be eliminated for employees hired after this date.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Resolution 2018–5.

8. **Public Comments:**

- ❖ Introduction - Roy Musselwhite, Acting Manager, Deep Creek Lake State Park.
- ❖ Question on Property Tax Credit eligibility. In some cases, such as the Swanton Community Center, the tax credit is written into the State Code, or are available for non-profits. The Board of County Commissioners has not authorized any “new” property tax credits but have renewed/reauthorized existing requests. There are programs at both the state and county level for property tax credits related to economic development projects.
- ❖ Question concerning the Comprehensive Plan - Should the environmental elements in the Plan include a plan should the fracking ban be overturned? Should the zoning issue at the lake be revisited? The Board of County Commissioners has not heard of any discussions concerning fracking; therefore, the Board has not initiated any discussions on fracking and consider the issue closed.
- ❖ Concern that public meetings should be held at times when you can get better citizen participation.
- ❖ Request that once the Comprehensive Plan is completed, another public meeting be held to obtain citizen input before being presented to the Garrett County Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Commission will consider.
- ❖ Would the Board of County Commissioners reconsider voting on the zoning amendment “banning fracking” at Deep Creek Lake as recommended by the Planning Commission? The Board of County Commissioners will revisit the issue.
- ❖ Status of the Garrett County’s Economic Development Plan. The new Economic Development Director will be working on a Plan. Development of the plan will include community input.
- ❖ Question concerning paving scheduled for Swanton Road by the Garrett County Public Works.

9. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2018 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 6:46 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