

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
January 6, 2020

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 3:00 P.M.

1. Board Appointments/Reappointments:

❖ **Garrett County Ruth Enlow Library** – Appointments - Five (5) Year Terms
Linda Ashby
Diane Nye - Paugh

❖ **Garrett County Local Management Board** – Appointment - Three (3) year term
Pam Nelson
Chief William Thomas, Oakland Police Department

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 appointment and reappointments as recommended by the respective boards. An official letter of appointment will be sent to the appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

2. The Board of County Commissioners met with its appointees/designees to the Garrett Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Board of Governors to discuss a proposal by Garrett Regional Medical Center to lower the number of annual meeting days and reduce the total number of Board members from the current 15 to 9; thereby eliminating 3 positions appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Members present:

Appointees:

Dr. Karl Schwalm
Tracy BeMiller,
(Kevin Liller responded with his input via e-mail)

Designees:

Patty Manown Mash
Tonya Sturm
Jeanette Fitzwater (via teleconference)

Members feel they provide input on the GRMC Board of Governors and that the requested changes seem to be fair. A majority of the members are in agreement with these changes stating that 15 members on the current Board tends to prolonging meetings.

The Board of County Commissioners informed the appointees/designees that it is not adverse to the changes but that according to legal opinion, these changes may not be possible. It is not known at the current time the outcome of this request pending further review.

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.

The Administrative Session ended at 3:35 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Jeff Kroll

Moment of silence for recent passing of Paul Weiler

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 Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for January 6, 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 November 19, 2019.
3. Proclamation – Garrett County Mentoring Month – January 2020
4. Deep Creek Watershed Management Plan – Administrative Council Yearly Review. 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.
5. Public Commentary: County Update will follow immediately after this Public Meeting on this date.
6. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 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 4:18 P.M.

Annual County Update 2020: The Board of Garrett County Commissioners hosted its Annual County Update on following the Public Meeting on this date. This update focused on accomplishments of the past year and a forecast of next year based on the budget, economic development, and other areas of interest.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners