

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/garrettcountygovernment/>

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. 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 4:03 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Pastor Kroll

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated no addition or deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for October 17, 2023.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2023.
3. **PROCLAMATION:** Economic Development Week – October 23-27, 2023
4. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following Bid recommendation:

Bid #23-0928: Garrett County Airport Terminal Roof Project

Three (3) responses were received for this Bid: Mill Creek & Company (\$82,094.27.00), Ruff Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. (\$81,062.35), and CN Metals, LLC (\$38,134.50).

After reviewing the bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Facilities & Maintenance Division, the Purchasing Division recommended the Bid be awarded to CN Metals, LLC for a total cost of \$38,134.50. Project budget is \$35,000. A budget amendment of \$3,134.50 will be needed to cover the additional cost.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Bid Award as recommended.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the budget amendment of \$3,134.50 to cover the additional cost of the project.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed and the Public Hearing opened at 4:13 p.m.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: GARRETT COUNTY PRO HOUSING PROJECT

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, facilitate affordable housing production and preservation, and offer citizens the opportunity to hear, review, and comment on plans for an application which Garrett County proposes to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding through its Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) FR-6700-N-98.

The project proposed to be considered for submission was the “Garrett County PRO Housing” project requesting up to \$10,000,000.

PRO Housing assistance must meet a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) national objective pursuant to section 101(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974:

- a. Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons,
- b. Preventing or eliminating slums or blight, or
- c. Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Chairman Edwards stated that the application is for grant funding with no required County match. Two (2) public comments in favor of the project were received and no comments against. Chairman Edwards thanked Cynthia Sharon, Grants Management, Garrett County Department of Financial Services and Chrissy Marucci, Small Business Consultant, Vice President, PEPBURN, LLC, for their work in gathering all the grant information needed.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed and the Public Meeting reopened at 4:26 p.m.

- 8. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards executed Resolution 2023 - 7 which authorized the submittal of an application for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount up to \$10,000,000 for project activities which were presented as part of the October 17, 2023 Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners