

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 2, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Paul C. Edwards*  
*Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh, Jr.*  
*Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell*

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. The session scheduled with Nathaniel Watkins, Director, Department of Technology and Communications and Scott Weeks, Director, Department of Financial Services to present their opinion and concern on the funding request for virtualization infrastructure will be postponed and rescheduled for March 17, 2015.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Donna Fost and Jennifer Lee –Steckman to the Garrett County Guardianship Review Board. The same motion re-appointed Norma Bolding, Stewart Callis, Thomas Dabney, and Karl Schwalm. Official letters under the signature of Chairman Edwards will be sent to all nominees outlining the terms of appointment.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Sherri Fredlock to the Garrett County Commission for Women. An official letter under the signature of Chairman Edwards will be sent to Ms. Fredlock outlining the term of appointment.
4. Mr. Pagenhardt reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved into Executive Session under Section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to discuss and address economic development and personnel matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session.

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there were no additions or deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2015. 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 March 2, 2015.

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 for February 23, 2015 and Executive Session Minutes for February 23, 2015.
3. The Purchasing Department presented a recommendation of award for request for proposal - Stormwater Assessment – Garrett County Government (RFP #15-0203). The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved an award to A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. for a total cost of \$68,000.
4. James Torrington, Director, Department of Permits and Inspection Services presented the Board of County Commissioners with the following:
  - Report on Final 2014 Approved Building Permit Activity. Copy of report is on file with the Department of Permits and Inspection Services and the Office of the Board of County Commissioners.
  - Update of County Building Codes
5. The Board of County Commissioners announced the formation of the Board of County Commissioners Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Group and presented the group's Charge and Mission Statement. 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 Charge and Mission Statement and appointed members of the Group as follows:

*The Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County supports safe and responsible drilling of the Marcellus Shale Gas reserves and believes it is important for such drilling to be done in a way that affords protection of our valuable natural resources, and more importantly our citizens.*

*The Board has 7 appointed members to a Board of County Commissioners Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Group ("the Group") who will review, advise, recommend, and support final decisions that the Board may adopt if and when drilling and extraction of natural gas will occur in Garrett County. The Group will be asked to research, analyze, opine, and provide updates to the Board on the following areas:*

- *Transportation during drilling operations to include hours permitted*
- *State of Maryland and County permitting review and approval*
- *Bonding and agreement for County roadways*
- *Informative updates and presentations to the Garrett County Planning Commission*
- *Meet, confer, and review Department of the Environment Draft Regulations and provide input to the Board on potential omissions, additions, compliance, and regulatory matters*

**MEMBERS:**

- *Robert Hoffmann*
- *John Quilty*
- *Paul Durham*
- *Cheryl DeBerry*
- *Britten Martin*
- *Stephen Sherrard*
- *Shawn Bender*

Official letters of nomination under the signature of Chairman Edwards will be sent to each appointee.

6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, endorsed, approved, and executed the Garrett County Community Action Annual Transportation Plan Grant Application. Community Action President Duane Yoder and Transit Director Gregan Crawford presented the Annual Summary of Garrett Transit Service which is attached to these public meeting minutes as **Exhibit 1**.
7. The Energy and Property Rights Coalition, represented by Chairman Billy Bishoff and members Marshall Stacy, Shawn Bender, and Joyce Bishoff presented a briefing on this organization to the Board of County Commissioners. The mission of the Coalition is not to initiate change but to maintain the rights property owners currently have. A press release issued by the Coalition is on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners.
8. Constituent Input and Public Commentary.
  - Tiffany Blackden voiced her opinion on natural gas drilling related matters and questioned Commissioner Tichnell on his viewpoint as to how many businesses and residents would it take to convince him to oppose Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling in Garrett County.
  - A petition was presented from Paul Roberts expressing opinion of SB 29 – Environment – Hydraulic Fracking – Prohibition and SB 409 – Protect our Health and Communities Act.
  - Eric Robison voiced his opinion on natural gas drilling related matters.
  - Annie Bristow voiced her opinion on a public health official not being appointed to the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Advisory Group.
  - Crede Calhoun voiced his opinion on potential negative environmental impacts and the impacts on tourism with Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling and asked the Board to discontinue County funding for the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce.
  - Richard Helbig voiced his opposition to statements made by Mr. Calhoun and expressed his opinion on property value and agricultural facts.
  - Elliott Perfetti also spoke on natural gas drilling and slowing down the process for final approval through regulatory legislation.
  - Nicole Christian, President and CEO with the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce reiterated the mission of the Chamber to promote tourism and that she is the responsible spokesperson on behalf of the Board of Directors, similar to that of Mr. Pagenhardt in his capacity as County Administrator.
9. Carol Riley-Alexander, Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners and County Administrator, reviewed the meeting and committee schedule for the forthcoming week.
10. The Board, on motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting on this date.
11. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under Section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for February 23, 2015 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved into Executive Session to review and address economic development and personnel matters. There will be no public disclosure of the topics discussed at this time.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Paul C. Edwards, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date



## Garrett Transit Service

March 2, 2015

Yearly request for the Fiscal Year 2016 - Annual Transportation Plan Funding Grant for Garrett Transit Services (GTS) and will be presented to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

- GTS operates a "Demand Response Service" as opposed to a "Fixed Route Service"
- Facilities located just before the Oakland Roads Garage on Francis Sanders Drive
- Dedicated drivers and staff serve the entire county with a transit fleet of 21 buses all with wheelchair lifts
- All jurisdictions in the state operate transit services
- We serve all demographics w/ majority riders being over the age of 55 – 69 range and many more over 70 years in age. We work closely with the Area Agency on Aging at Community Action.
  - Assistance spans a wide array needs which include but are not limited to:
    - Meals on wheels deliveries
    - Medical appointments in and out of county
    - Transportation to work
    - General –prescheduled -transportation locally
  - Operate five days week

### Fiscal Year 2014 Statistics

- 110,190 passenger trips
- 626,083 service miles traveled
- 38,896 service hours logged
- 2,236 miles per day on average
- 394 trips per day on average
- 0 reportable accidents

Notice of the grant request appeared as is required in the local newspaper regarding this application for 2 weeks and there were no inquiries or requests for a public hearing.

The Federal and state combined operational cost request is \$1,222,228. And the total capital request from Federal and State sources is \$422,773. The grant award will pass through the county to Garrett Transit as do many grants. The local share for operational costs is \$479,616 and for capital the amount is \$48,461 which would be provided by Community Action and Garrett County.

Local capital money is highly leveraged 9:1— very similar to the airport funding. Capital money is largely for bus replacement and preventive maintenance.

Approval of the funding helps to enable and ensure reliable transportation for the citizens of Garrett County. Individuals needing assistance with transportation may call 301.533.9010 for more information during regular business hours.

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