

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 6, 2016**

**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 4:00 PM**

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there were several additions to the Public Meeting Agenda. A request for Property Tax Credit, Swanton Community Center, and the following appointments (Board appointments: Drug Free Communities Coalition Youth Representative, Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board, and Local Emergency Planning Committee). The Board of County Commissioners, by mutual consent, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for June 6, 2016.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2016.
3. Request by the Swanton Community Center, Inc. to be granted a property tax credit as authorized by Section 9-313 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh and seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved the request.
4. Advisory Board Appointments
  - Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board - William Aspinall-three-year term
  - Drug Free Communities Coalition - Youth Representative-Teresa Wolf - 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Southern Middle School
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee - Change Community Action Committee Alternative Member from Gregan Crawford to Mark Rodeheaver.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell and seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved the appointments.

5. Proclamation - Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month. The Board of County Commissioners recognized June 2016 as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed Boundary Changes for the Garrett County Sanitary District - Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division

The Public Hearing was called to order at 4:10 P.M. Patrick Hudnall, Division Chief, Department of Public Works - Utilities Division, presented the proposed boundary changes for the service areas of the Garrett County Sanitary District. Being there were no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 4:15 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh and seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved the Boundary Amendments by Resolution # 2016-2.

7. Bloomington Water Update – Mr. Hudnall provided an update on the upgrade to the Bloomington water service area.
  - The proposed service will be provided in conjunction with the proposed plant upgrade to the Westernport system.
  - Funding for Phase I, construction at the Westernport system, has been awarded and construction is anticipated to begin this fall.
  - Phase II funding has not yet been awarded but anticipate funding and construction for Phase II will be awarded this fall. Construction of water line to Bloomington will be part of the Phase II project.
  - At this time, the County anticipates little, if any rate increases in the Bloomington service area.
8. Chairman Edwards reported that the Board met with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) concerning a community meeting on the proposed “fracking” regulations. MDE will publish four “Issue Papers” on proposed changes to the Regulations.

Tentatively, MDE is planning to hold a public meeting in the last two weeks of June 2016 in Allegany, Baltimore, and Garrett Counties. The Board requested that the meeting in Garrett County be schedule last in order to provide additional opportunity for interested persons to review the Issue Papers. MDE will announce the meeting dates, locations and times.

9. Public Commentary  
Question concerning the proposed Zoning amendment change and the schedule for a Public Hearing. The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing as required.

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. with an Administrative Session scheduled at 3:00 p.m.

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 4:47 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