

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
August 7, 2017

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 open at 3:05 P.M.

1. Garrett Regional Medical Center – Request for Fiscal Year 2018 Garrett County Property Tax Abatement for the following properties:
 - Lots 61-69 Pythian Avenue (Tressler)
 - 15.94 Acres W/S Pythian Avenue (Undeveloped)
 - Lots 70-80 Pythian Avenue (Medical Office Building)
 - 307 North Fourth Street (Browning House)
 - S/S Francis Sanders Drive West (Storage Building)
 - 222 North Fourth Street (Darby House)
 - Tax Refund \$1,484.01 (79.98 Acres Rt. 219 (Lapp Land) and 25 acres Rt. 219(Lapp Land)

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 tax abatement request.

2. The Garrett County Humane Society requested the Board to consider taking over the duties of the Humane Society. The Garrett County Humane Society does not have the funds or membership to continue the current operations. This transfer of duties would require a change in State law. The Board will seek a legal opinion on changes to state law.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:55 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:05 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Kroll

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there were 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 August 7, 2017.
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 July 17, 2017.

3. Proclamation: National Health Center Week - Charles Wilt, CEO of Mountain Laurel Medical Center accepted the Proclamation.
4. Garrett County Purchasing Department
 - ❖ Action – Paradise Run Stormwater Management Ponds. Bid # 17-0518 - Ten (10) bids were received. This project is intended to complete the stormwater maintenance structures in the development. After further review, the project will not be completed at this time, thus the recommendation is to reject all bids.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, rejected Bid # 17-0518.
 - ❖ Approval/Declaration of Surplus Vehicles & Equipment. In accordance with Garrett County Purchasing Policy - Section 8-105, Disposition of Surplus Property, the Board of County Commissioners must declare items as surplus prior to disposition/sale. The equipment and vehicles will either be auctioned online using GovDeals or sold as scrap.

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 sale of surplus equipment.
5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Meeting at 4:13 P.M. and opened the Public Hearing on the Boundary Change of the McHenry Water Service Area and the Thayerville Water Service Area
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on a boundary change of the McHenry Water Service Area and the Thayerville Water Service Area to consider changing the boundaries of the McHenry Water Service Area and the Thayerville Water Service Area and combining McHenry and Thayerville with an additional area located along Deep Creek Drive between Gravelly Run Road and US 219 Bridge over Deep Creek Lake into a single, new service area to be known as the Deep Creek Lake Water Service Area. The proposed system will provide a back-up to the proposed Hoyes Run supply.

A plat clearly showing the boundary lines of the proposed Service Area can be viewed at the office of the Garrett County Department of Public Works - Utilities Division at 2008 Maryland Highway - Suite 2, Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment: The Public comment period will be open until August 21, 2017.

 - ❖ Change in Ad Valorem - McHenry customers can expect a five (5) cent increase and Thayerville customers can expect a fourteen (14) cent decrease.
 - ❖ Richard Kelly presented written comments and requested a financial study be conducted by an outside firm to review rate and rate structure.
7. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing at 4:25 P.M. and opened the Public Meeting.

8. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance: RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AUTHROIZING A PERSON UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS TO CROSS A HIGHWAY OR OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR A SNOWMOBILE ON A DESIGNATED PORTION OF A HIGHWAY IN GARRETT COUNTY.

Mr. Null read the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is posted on the Garrett County website for public review. Public comments will be accepted until the Public Meeting on September 5, 2017.

9. Public Commentary

- ❖ Chairman Edwards announced the Department of Public Works – Utilities Division Proposed Grinder Policy will be tabled at this time.
- ❖ Thomas Carr presented information on the Dr. Teets Educational Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 foundation created to supplement funds for “extras” in the school system.

10. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Ryan’s Glade Community Building.

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 4:47 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners