

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**December 18, 2018**

**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 3:10 P.M.

1. Appointment – Garrett County Ruth Enlow Library. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals for a five (5) year term to the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County Board of Trustees:

Appointment – Clinton Bradley

Appointment – Christian Mash - fulfilling the unexpired term of Cosette Harman who resigned.

Reappointment – Karl Schwalm

An official letter will be sent to all under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

2. Appointment – Garrett County Emergency Services Board. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, reappointed the following individuals as General Public Representatives to the Garrett County Emergency Services Board for a two (2) year term:

Louis Battistella

Edward McLellan

George Vincent

Members from the following organizations have standing appointments and representatives nominated by the individual organization that are appointed as members of the Emergency Services Board:

Chief Committee

Southern Garrett Rescue Squad

Northern Garrett Rescue Squad

Fire & rescue Association

The Department of Emergency Services Director and Emergency Medical Services Chief are permanent members of the Emergency Services Board

An official letter will be sent to all under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

3. Appointment – Garrett County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Edwards, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Commissioner Hinebaugh, appointed/reappointed the following individuals to the Garrett County Agricultural Land Preservation Board:

Appointment

Katharine Dubansky  
Linda (Kay) Steyer

Reappointment

Ann Davidson  
Charles Mason  
Paul Petersheim  
Gary Berkebile

An official letter will be sent to all under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

4. Agricultural Land Preservation Local Matching Program. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, agreed to request approval of an Agricultural Land Preservation Local Matching Program for the purchase of agricultural easements for Fiscal Year 2019.

**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 was no addition or deletion 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 December 18, 2018.
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 December 3, 2018.
3. **Paul C. Edwards, James C. Hinebaugh, Jr., and S. Larry Tichnell** were sworn into the Office of the Board of Garrett County Commissioners by Garrett County Circuit Clerk Timothy Miller. Each County Commissioner addressed those persons in attendance and provided their personal comments.
4. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Commissioner Edwards, nominated Commissioner Edwards to serve as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.
5. BJ Gallagher, President, Garrett County Commission for Women, provided the Board of County Commissioners with a brief Commission overview of the 2017 activities and thanked the Board for the increase in funding. This year the Commission for Women provided five (5) \$500 scholarships.
6. Memorandum of Understanding – Deep Creek Watershed Administration Council. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the County, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and Maryland Department of the Environment, concerning a shared interest in maintaining and improving Deep Creek Lake and its watershed to ensure good water quality and for its natural resource and recreational values.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed and the Public Hearing opened.

- 7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Utilities – Proposed Amendments to the Garrett County Water & Sewer Master Plan – Blooming Water Supply System. The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on this date for a proposed amendment to the Garrett County Water & Sewer Master Plan for the Bloomington Water Supply System. Patrick Hudnall, Director, Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, reviewed the proposed amendment that would specify replacement of the existing water treatment plant as the preferred alternative to resolve the current needs in the Bloomington Water Supply System.

There were no public comments.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed and the Public Meeting opened.

- 8. **RESOLUTION 2018 – 9:** Adopting changes to the Garrett County Water & Sewer Master Plan – Bloomington Water Supply System.

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 amendment as presented and adopted Resolution 2018 – 9.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

- Announcement – the Garrett County Courthouse Christmas Open House will be held on this date from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. with holiday music, light refreshments, and art displays provided by the Garrett County Arts Council.
- No Public Comments

- 10. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:34 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



# Who We Represent Garrett County's Women & Girls

[www.gccw.info](http://www.gccw.info)

<b>Total Population of Garrett County</b>	<b>29,677</b>
<b>Number of Women and Girls in Garrett County</b>	<b>14,976</b>
Age 18 and Older	12,115
Age 65 and Older	3,204
Age 15 and Older	12,630
Never Married	2,918
Married	6,858
Separated	240
Widowed	1,351
Divorced	1,263
<b>Total Family Households in Garrett County</b>	<b>8,177</b>
Female-Headed Family Households	1,045
Female-Heads of Family Households in the Labor Force	618
With Children Under 18	518

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

**50.5%**  
of Garrett County  
Residents are  
Women & Girls

**55.6 %**  
Of the 3,666 Garrett County  
residents living below the  
poverty level are female

## Race and Ethnicity of Garrett County's Women

White	14,597
Black or African American	25
Hispanic or Latina	162
Asian	88
Some Other Race	104

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

## Median Earning Comparison in 2016

	Female	Male	Earnings Ratio
<b>Median Earnings - Population 25 Years and Older</b>	<b>\$24,515</b>	<b>\$35,798</b>	<b>68.5%</b>
Less Than High School Graduate	\$13,889	\$25,262	55.0%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	\$18,218	\$33,653	54.1%
Some College or Associates' Degree	\$25,517	\$36,033	70.8%
Bachelor's Degree	\$43,798	\$51,500	85.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	\$48,417	\$62,019	78.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates (2016 Inflation-Adjusted Dollars)

**52.0%**

Of the County's  
Workforce are  
Women



### Garrett County's Working Families

- Of the 6,932 women in the labor force, 6,516 of them work
- Women make up 52.0% of the County's labor force
- 3,515 (63.6%) children live in families where all parents work
- 448 grandparents live with grandchildren who are under age 18
  - 29.0%, or 130 of those grandparents are disabled
  - 11.4%, or 51 of those grandparents live below the poverty level
  - 6.5%, or 29 of those grandparents are responsible for their grandchildren
- Mean travel time to work is 23.6 minutes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates

**84.5%**

Served by the  
Dove Center  
were Women  
and Girls



### Dove Center Statistics, FY 2013 - FY 2017

- 2,475 individuals were served by the Dove Center
  - 2,269 (93%) were unduplicated individuals:
    - 84.5% were women/girls
    - 15.5% were men/boys
  - 50.9% of repeat individuals served received services for the exact same issue
  - 49.1% of repeat individuals served received services for new issues
  - 72 domestic violence offenders were served
  - 35,431 individual services were provided



<http://www.gcdovecenter.org/>

**63%**

Of Assistance in  
FY 17 was for  
Domestic  
Violence



### Dove Center Statistics, FY 2017

- 63% of adults served sought assistance for domestic violence
- 8% of adults served sought assistance for sexual assault
- 2% of adults served sought assistance for sexual assault and domestic violence combined
- 16% of adults served sought assistance for homelessness
- 5% of adults served sought assistance for domestic violence and homelessness combined
- 1% of adults served sought assistance for domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness combined
- 3% of children served sought assistance for physical abuse

Source: Dove Center, FY 2013-2017; Fiscal years encompass the period of October 1st through September 30th

**36.7%**

Of births in 2016  
were to women  
living below the  
poverty level



### Garrett County Births in 2016

- 311 Garrett County women gave birth in 2016
  - # of women giving birth to 1st child = 122; 2nd child = 106; 3rd child = 49; 4th child = 18; 5th+ child = 16
  - # of unmarried women giving birth = 131
- % of children born to married/separated women who live below the poverty level = 21.9%
- % of children born to unmarried women who live below the poverty level = 14.8%
- % of women who received pre-natal care during the 1st trimester = 81.4%
- % of babies born with low birth weight = 10%
- % of babies born via c-section = 25.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimate; 2016 MD Vital Statistics Annual Report