

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2020
Meeting was Held via Video Conference

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

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 August 3, 2020.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioners Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2020.
3. **Update on County Response to COVID-19:** Robert Stephens, Garrett County Health Officer provided an update on Garrett County Governments response to the COVID-19 emergency.
 - ❖ Currently no orders are in place other than the Governor’s Executive Orders. No additional Garrett County Health Department orders have been issued.
 - ❖ Reminder that face coverings are required. Majority of businesses are doing a good job adhering to this Order, but cooperation is needed of everyone. To-date, Garrett County has 46 reported COVID-19 cases.
 - ❖ Garrett County has seen an increase in overdoses related to opiates. Fentanyl is roughly 100 times more potent than heroin. Treatment is available for anyone in need and is urged to contact the Garrett County Health Department. In addition, Narcan is available through the Garrett County Health Department.

4. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following Bid Award recommendations:

Bid #20-0625 – Garrett County Health Center Exterior Lighting Retrofit Project:

This project replaces the Garrett County Health Department Parking Lot lights with energy efficient lighting. Funding for this project is through the Maryland Energy Administration Smart Energy Communities Grant (\$15,480), Potomac Edison Rebates (\$10,350), and County funding (\$40,000).

Six (6) responses were received for this Bid but only four (4) bid on aluminum light poles: Beitzel Corporation (\$39,098.20), Evergreen Electric, LLC (\$56,437.00), S&S Electric, Inc. (\$72,385.00), and Zerodraft Maryland, LLC (\$84,110.06).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Facilities & Maintenance and project approval from

the Maryland Energy Administration, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding to Beitzel Corporation for \$39,098.20.

Bid #20-0716 – Emergency Operations Center Automatic Sprinkler & Fire Alarm System:

One (1) response was received for this Bid: Pillar Innovations, LLC (\$90,987.00).

After reviewing the Bid for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Facilities & Maintenance, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Pillar Innovations, LLC for \$90,987.00.

Contract #2019-01 – Garrett County Airport West Apron Construction Project:

Ten (10) responses were received for this Bid:

Beitzel Corporation - \$4,352,987.65	Excavating Associates, Inc. - \$4,466,684.00
Carl Belt, Inc. - \$4,633,043.90	Bear Contracting - \$4,698,932.80
All Construction, Inc. - \$5,110,507.00	Green River Group, LLC - \$5,184,826.00
Mountaineer Infrastructure - \$5,189,973.10	Charles J. Merlo, Inc. - \$5,559,000.00
First Fruits Excavating, Inc. - \$5,907,987.00	Eastern Branch Demolition - \$6,049,196.00

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Airport and concurrence from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the contract to Beitzel Corporation for \$4,352,978.65. This project is being fully funded by Federal Aviation Administration without any commitment of County Funds.

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 Bid Awards as recommended.

5. Second Amendment Preservation Resolution 2020 – 5

Chairman Edwards stated that the Board of County Commissioners has been discussing a resolution in support of the Second Amendment since January 2020 and allowed four weeks for public comment. The Board of County Commissioners is committed to making timely decisions. When COVID-19 prevented an in-person public meeting, a decision on the resolution was postponed.

More comments have been received on this topic than any other issue since in office. The overwhelming response was in favor of a resolution in support of the Second Amendment.

Chairman Edwards read the proposed Second Amendment Resolution #2020-05 (attached) and asked for discussion. Commissioner Hinebaugh stated that he received a lot of feedback with the vast majority in favor and a significant majority of the County would like the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution. Commissioner Tichnell agreed with Commissioner Hinebaugh and stated that the Board needs to listen to the people of the County.

Therefore, The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioners Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edward adopted Resolution **#2020-05 GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES - GARRETT COUNTY - SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION COUNTY.**

6. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via live stream.

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 4:27 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 5

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Garrett County – Second Amendment Preservation County

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme Law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: “A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Garrett County to keep and bear arms; and

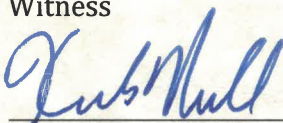
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and under the Maryland constitution of the citizens of Garrett County to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County wishes to express its intent to stand for the Preservation of Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Maryland, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR GARRETT COUNTY THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY DECLARES GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND, AS A **SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION COUNTY.**

Adopted this the 3rd day of August 2020.

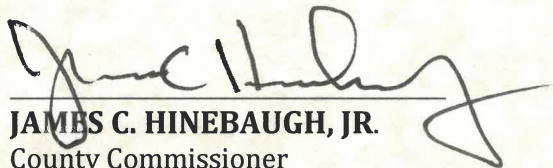
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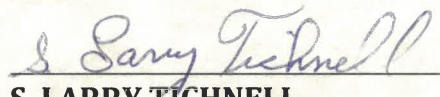
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