

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, November 6, 2023

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/garrettcountygovernment/>

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. **Board Appointment – Garrett County Soil Conservation District** – Appointment of Nevin Sines to replace Katharine Dubansky who resigned from the Garrett County Soil Conservation District. This appointment serves at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners with no term limit.

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

2. **Real Property Exemption – Community Action Committee, Inc.**

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property tax abatement for Fiscal Year 2024 for the following properties owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.:

Approved

- 41 High View Drive, Oakland, MD – Overlook Early Child Education Center
- 125 Durst Circle, Grantsville, MD – Grantsville Senior Center
- 234 Main Street, Kitzmiller, MD – Former M&T Bank Building
- 112 Liberty Street, Oakland, MD – Lot. Site of the Transportation Museum
- 360 West Liberty Street, Oakland, MD – Liberty Street Nonprofit Center
- 225 Frances Sanders Lane, Oakland, MD – Transit Maintenance Facility
- 216 Water Street, Oakland, MD – Vacant Lot

Not Approved

- 6500 Thayer Center, Oakland, MD – Training & Technology Center
3. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:02 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated no addition or deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for November 6, 2023.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023.

3. Samuel S. Grant received his appointment to the position of Director of the Garrett County Department of Emergency Management by Governor Wes Moore. Mr. Grant replaced John Frank upon his retirement. The Board of County Commissioners recognized Mr. Grant, his wife Ashley, and daughter Abigail.
4. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following Bid recommendations:

Bid #23-1005: Fire Prevention Systems Services

Two (2) responses were received for this Bid: ARK Systems, Inc. and Fire Protection Products, Inc.

After reviewing the bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Facilities & Maintenance Division, the Purchasing Division recommended the Bid be awarded to both ARK Systems Inc. and Fire Protection Products, Inc. Specifics of the vendor, location, and type of product are on file with the Purchasing Division.

Bid #23-1005W: Winter Abrasives and Road Salt

Six (6) responses were received for this Bid:

George’s Creek Stone & Gravel, Inc.	Maryland Minerals, Inc.
Keystone Lime Company, Inc. - Eichorn	Cargill, Inc.
Keystone Lime Company, Inc. – Cranesville	Morton Salt, Inc.
Arcosa Aggregates	

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Purchasing Division recommended accepting the bids from the following vendors:

George’s Creek Stone & Gravel, Inc.	Maryland Minerals, Inc.
Keystone Lime Company, Inc. - Eichorn	Cargill, Inc.
Keystone Lime Company, Inc. – Cranesville	
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The Roads Division will determine the quarry to purchase winter abrasives and Road Salt based on garage location, hauling cost, and availability.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Bid Award as recommended.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Heath Barnes, a candidate for the 6th District Congressional seat introduced himself.
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.
 - ❖ Senator Michael McKay and Delegate James Hinebaugh will attend the November 21, 2023 Public Meeting for the 2024 Legislative Requests annual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:09 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners