

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
December 19, 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 opened at 3:10 P.M.

1. Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. Nicole Christian, President & CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, and Jan Russell, Chair, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, presented the Board of County Commissioners with a draft of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Strategic Initiative Task Force Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis (SWOT) Analysis.
2. Garrett Trails Advisory Committee – Appointments. 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 to the Garrett Trails Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term:
 - Appointments: Luke Mongrain – Maryland Park Service
Jennifer Durben – Garrett County Heritage Areas Coordinator
Michael Logsdon – Garrett College Center for Adventure & Experiential Learning
 - Reappointments: David Cotton – Maryland Department of Planning
JB Churchill – Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management
Cynthia Sharon – Garrett County Department of Economic Development
Barry Ritchie – Maryland State Highway Administration
David Ritchie – Garrett County Department of Engineering
Rodney Glotfelty – Garrett County Health Department

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

3. Patrick Hudnall, Director, Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, provided an update on the Mountain Lake Park Water System and agenda item for Preliminary Engineering for the distribution system rehabilitation.

Mr. Hudnall also reported that the County and the Town of Oakland are looking at the feasibility of combining resources to construct a new wastewater treatment facility to replace both the Oakland and Trout Run Plants.
4. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

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

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 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 December 19, 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 December 4, 2017.
3. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendations:

Bid Award: Bloomington Water Tank Replacement Bid# 17-1102

One (1) bids was received from Dutchland, Inc. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the bid to Dutchland, Inc. in the amount of \$507,900.00.

RFP Award: Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Reports – Mountain Lake Park Water Distribution System Rehabilitation RFP# 17-1107

Five (5) bids were received from the following firms: Keller Engineers, Arro Consulting, The EADs Group, Inc., RK&K Engineers, and Gwin Dobson & Foreman. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the bid to The EADS Group, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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 Bid and RFP Awards as recommended.

4. 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 Meeting at 4:07 P.M. and opened the Public Hearing on the Boundary Change for the Garrett County Sanitary District.
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to review a proposed boundary change for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. to include areas along Waterwheel Road into the Deep Creek Lake Sewer Service Area. Due to failing septic system this project is funded through the Garrett County Health Department and Bay Restoration Fees with no cost to the County. No public comments were received.
6. 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 4:12 P.M. and reopened the Public Meeting.

7. **Resolution 2017-11**

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland, Pursuant to the Provision of § 9-648 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the proposed changes in the Service Areas in Garrett County designated as Deep Creek Sewer Service area to include parcels located along Waterwheel Road approximately 1,500 feet north of the intersection of US Route 219 and Mayhew Inn Road.

Since all affected residents support, and need sewer service, the Board will waive the normal procedure of keeping the record open for public comment.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution 2017-11

8. Public Commentary – Odor control concerns at the pumps stations. Mr. Hudnall stated that odor is caused by gases that are created as the sewage slows in the line, especially during periods of low volume. The gas escapes through access hatches/manholes associated with the pump stations. The County has installed carbon scrubbers to remove the gas and has plans to install larger units. Over the years they have tried many different products and have yet to find any one product that will solve the odor problem.
9. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 4:00 PM 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 4:30 P.M.

Attest:

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners