

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
March 5, 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 3:09 P.M.

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Connie Meyers and Mary Beckman to the Garrett County Local Management Board. An official letter of appointment will be sent to each individual under the signature of Chairman Edwards.
2. 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 real property tax exemption for Avilton Community Association for Fiscal Year 2019.
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.
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved in Executive Session under Section 3-305(b) (4) of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date at 3:32 PM to consider a matter concerning a proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The same motion ended the Executive Session at 3:55 PM.

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. Announcement – Chairman Edwards announced that during the Administrative Session, the Board of County Commissioners met in Executive Session under Section 3-305 (b) (4) of the Maryland Open Meetings Law to consider a matter concerning a proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
2. 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 March 5, 2018.

3. 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 and Executive Session Minutes of February 20, 2018.

4. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendation for Bid #18-0104P Weir Floway Vertical Turbine Pump.

Seven (7) Bids was received for this Bid. After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements, it was determined that all the bids received were over the budget allocation for this project. Therefore the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended rejecting all Bids received.

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 Rejection as recommended.

5. Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Development - JB Churchill, GIS Specialist, requested approval of a name change for Cemetery Road to N South Street: Road Name Resolution - Resolution RN18-1

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved this request and adopted Resolution RN 18-1.

6. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under Section 3-306 (c), a record of the Executive Session for February 20, 2018 is hereby documented on this date, the next open/public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved into Executive Session under Section 3-305(b) of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date at 4:58 PM to address personnel matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session at 5:22 PM.

There will be no public disclosure of the topics discussed at this time.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ Opioid Epidemic Federal Court Claim – The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that it has joined Montgomery County, Maryland, and other counties in Maryland in litigation seeking compensation for the damage caused by the production and distribution of opioids. Garrett and Montgomery Counties are being represented by Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP, a national law firm with offices in Washington, DC.
- ❖ Interviews for the Garrett County Department of Economic Development Director position are scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018. Five candidates were selected; however, two declined the offer for an interview.
- ❖ Chairman Edwards announced that the Board will continue to hold Public Meetings around the County. Over the next several months the Board will meet in Swanton, Crellin, Grantsville, Bloomington, and Accident.
- ❖ The Garrett County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Presentation for March 20, 2018 was cancelled but will be rescheduled. County funded agencies will present their budget requests on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM. County Departments will present their budget requests on April 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

8. Public Comments

- ❖ Oakland By-Pass – The Board was presented with information to refute data that was provided to them during the February 20, 2018 Public Meeting relating to the potential impact of the By-Pass on the Town of Oakland.
- ❖ Garrett County Government – Animal Control. What changes will occur with the proposed legislative on animal control? The animal control function will be transferred to the Garrett County Sheriff’s Department. The Garrett County Sheriff’s Department will be responsible for animal abuse and neglect cases involving domestic animals. No other changes are proposed.
- ❖ Opioid litigation - What is expected for recovery of damages as part of the litigation? Any potential recovery is yet to be determined. The County is seeking funding for treatment alternatives.

9. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 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 4:29 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL,
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners