

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**August 20, 2019**

**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. **Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Board Appointments** - 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 to the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Board for three (3) year terms:

Robert Browning	10.27.19 – 10.26.22
Stephen Gnegy	10.01.19 – 09.30.22

Official letters will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment

2. Due to Labor Day Holiday falling on Monday, September 2, 2019, there will be no Public Meeting held. The next regularly scheduled Public Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.
3. Pathways to Homeownership Program – Final payment is due for the Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. Pathway to Homeownership Program of \$15,000. On a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the final payment of \$15,000.
4. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:03 PM**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell**

**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 20, 2019.
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 August 5, 2019.

3. **Recognition: Garrett County Special Operations – Company 8**

The Board of County Commissioners recognized the newly formed Garrett County swift water rescue team. The swift water rescue team is organized under the Garrett County Department of Emergency Services and will be known as **Garrett County Special Operations - Company 8**. Company 8 will provide emergency response to citizens and visitors of Garrett County and also to adjoining jurisdictions, states, and counties.

Host company for coordination is Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department - Company 30 with membership from multiple volunteer companies:

Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department - Company 20  
Deep Creek Volunteer Fire Department - Company 30  
Oakland Volunteer Fire Department - Company 40  
Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department – Company 110  
Kitzmilller Volunteer Fire Department - Company 70  
Eastern Garrett Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department - Company 80  
Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department - Company 100

Company 8 currently has approximately 49 swift water certified technicians.

4. Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management - JB Churchill, GIS Specialist, requested approval of the following changes/addition of road names within the County to be included on the Garrett County Road Name Index: Road Name Resolution - Resolution RN19-2.

- Blooming Rose Spur – New – Will refer to a short ramp connecting Blooming Rose Road to near where Blooming Rose Road also crosses Rt. 42.
- Allegheny Drive – Correct Misspelling
- Pittsburgh Avenue – Correct Misspelling

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution RN 19-2.

5. **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding: Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. and Board of Garrett County Commissioners for project with the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division.**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a commitment to Loan the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. for the following projects:

- ❖ **USDA – Bloomington Water Treatment Plant Project** - \$376,000  
The Board of Garrett County Commissioners of Garrett County, acting as the governing body of Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. adopted Loan Resolution 1780-27 for the Bloomington Water Treatment Plant Project.
- ❖ **USDA – Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project** - \$263,000  
The Board of Garrett County Commissioners of Garrett County, acting as the governing body of Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. adopted Loan Resolution 1780 - 27 for the Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- ❖ **2019 Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. Bond Resolution - Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project** - \$263,000. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners of Garrett County, acting as the governing body of Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. adopted 2019 Garrett County Sanitary District Bond Resolution relating to the Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project.

The Board of County Commissioners, acting as the governing body of the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc., on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner

Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted , and the resolution for the Bloomington Water Treatment Plant and the Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project.

- ❖ **2019 Board of Garrett County Commissioners Bond Resolution – Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project** - \$263,000. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners, as the governing body of the County, adopted 2019 Garrett County Sanitary District Bond Resolution relating to the Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and adopted 2019 Garrett County Sanitary District Bond Resolution to the Friendsville Waste Water Treatment Plant Equalization Tank Project.

6. Public Commentary:

- Update on NewPage (VERSO) – the Board of County Commissioners met with Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Schultz and other members of the cabinet but no new information to provide

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:22 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