

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 20, 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 4:05 PM**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there was one (1) addition to the Public Meeting Agenda. Robert Stephens, Garrett County Health Officer, will provide an update. 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 with addition for October 20, 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 September 22, 2020 and the CTP Minutes of October 9, 2020.
3. Proclamation: Garrett County Economic Development Week – October 19–23, 2020
4. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Deep Creek Watershed Board of Zoning Appeals – 3 Year Terms**  
Member – William Ingram  
Alternate – Russell Sines

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 appointments. An official letter of appointment will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

5. **Update on County Response to COVID-19:** Robert Stephens, Garrett County Health Officer provided an update on COVID-19. The County has seen a surge in new cases, total of 107 cases. The majority was traced to local or community gatherings. The seven-day average positively rate is 5%, which is a significant jump.

There is concern with the surge and the start of the flu season. Mr. Stephens encouraged the use of face covering and frequent hand-washing.

6. **Update on Garrett County Board of Elections:** Steven Fratz, Director, Board of Elections, provided an update on the upcoming election.
  - ❖ Sample ballots will be mailed this week.
  - ❖ Approximately 2,000 mail-in ballots have been received.

- ❖ Early voting begins Monday, October 26, 2020 through Monday November 2, 2020. Garrett County will have two early voting centers located at the Oakland Community Center & the Northern Outreach Center in Grantsville.
- ❖ Election Day, November 3, 2020 - there will be no precinct polling locations open. Instead, Garrett County will have three voting centers: Oakland Community Center, Northern Outreach Center in Grantsville, and Northern High School in Accident. These facilities will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Citizens can vote at any location.

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 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,**

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**KEVIN G. NULL**  
County Administrator

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**PAUL C. EDWARDS**, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners