

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
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 4:07 PM

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 Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for February 16, 2021.
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 February 1, 2021.
3. **Update on County Response to COVID-19:** Robert Stephens, Garrett County Health Officer provided an update on COVID-19 and vaccine.

Rate

- Case rate is 4.43/100,000
- Positivity rate – 2.26%, lowest in the State. State average is 4.3%

Vaccine

- 15% of the population has been vaccinated.
- The Garrett County Health Department (GCHD) Clinic is now vaccinating people in Group 1C; however clinics are fully booked. No appointments are available until the first of March.
- Vaccine supply is limited. The GCHD receives 300 doses a week. This week's supply has been delayed from the federal stockpile. The GCHD borrowed enough doses from Garrett Regional Medical Center for this week's clinic.
- Walmart is independent from the County and is not required to follow the same guidelines. You must schedule an appointment through the Walmart website.
- New COVID strains are more infectious and deadly. However, the vaccine appears to be effective with the strains and provides protection. Everyone should remain diligent; wear masks, wash hands and get vaccinated.
- No vaccine has spoiled. All doses have been used.

4. Board Reappointments – Garrett County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Ratification of reappointment – two (2)year terms. Members are appointed by their respective agencies.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals for a two (2) year term to the Garrett County Local Emergency Planning Committee:

GC Local Emergency Planning Committee (A) Appointment (R) Reappointment		Representing
Primary	Secondary	
Alicia Streets (R)	Rick DeWitt (R)	GC Social Services
Duane Yoder (R)	Michael Hill (R)	Community Action Committee
Wayne Tiemersma (R)	John Feather (R)	GC Fire & EMS
TBD	Richard Wesolowski (R)	GC BOE
Jay Moyer (A)	Brian King (A)	GC Public Utilities
Jeffrey Hinebaugh (R)	John Lipscomb (R)	Garrett Regional Medical Center
John Reginaldi (R)	Kyle Overly (R)	MEMA
Anthony Crawford (R)	Rick Cosner (R)	MD SHA
Paul Harvey (A)	Mike Holler (A)	GC County Roads
Lt. Brian Kloos (R)	F/Sgt. Bradley Williams (R)	MD State Police
Rob Corley (R)	Mike Bittinger (R)	GC Sheriff's Department
Robert Stephens (R)	Craig Umbel (R)	GC Health Center
Dwayne Kitis (R)	Alexander Kelly (A)	Emergency Med. Services
John Frank (R)	Virginia Smith (R)	GC Public Safety
Kenneth Collins (R)	Justin Orendorf (R)	GC Public Safety – Communications
Lou Battistella (R)	George “Sonny” Vincent (R)	Emergency Services Board
Jim Hinebaugh (R)	Paul Edwards (R)	County Commissioner
Nathaniel Watkins (R)	Andrew Sauder (R)	GC Technology & Communications
Shelly Menear (R)	Doug Beitzel (R)	Garrett College
Sgt. Mike Friend (R)	Sgt. Jeff Sweitzer (R)	MD Natural Resources Police
Jim Crowder (R)	David Kline (R)	Private Business – First Energy

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

5. Jeffrey Fellers, Director, Tucker Community Foundation, presented a briefing on the annual “Run For It” 2K walk and 5K run event. The event helps nonprofits raise awareness and support for their respective organization. Since 2014 Garrett County’s investment of \$9,000.00 has returned \$80,000.00 in grant funding to County non-profits. Mr. Fellers asked the Board of County Commissioners to consider increasing its annual contribution to \$2,000 in Fiscal Year 2022.

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 donation of \$2,000 to the Tucker Community Foundation.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021 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 4:35 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners