

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC MEETING**

***Conducted at Bloomington Fire Hall***

***June 2, 2015***

**IN ATTENDANCE**

*Chairman Paul C. Edwards  
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh, Jr.  
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell*

*County Administrator R. Lamont Pagenhardt*

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting agenda. Mr. Pagenhardt indicated there was one addition and no deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda for June 2 2015. The Board was asked to appoint members to the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board. 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 June 2, 2015.
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 the Public Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2015 and Executive Session for May 26, 2015.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, reappointed the following persons to the Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board. Official letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.
  - Jill Horner
  - Jenny McNally (Department of Social Services)
  - Debby Ward (Garrett County Memorial Hospital)
4. The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt provided an update on the Bloomington Public Water Improvement Project. Documentation is on file with the Office of the Board of County Commissioners and Department of Public Works.
5. Chairman Edwards provided an update on the following County Government matters. Commissioner Hinebaugh and Commissioner Tichnell participated in this open dialogue:
  - Status and basis for final approval of Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budget
  - Notice on the Employee Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program

- Notice that public budget review session on June 9, 2015 at Garrett College
  - Notice that Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budget will be adopted and approved on June 16, 2015 in the Board of County Commissioners public meeting room
  - Status of application, interview, and appointment of new county administrator
  - Reference that Alex McCoy is the new director of the Department of Economic Development
  - Reference to existing business expansions and new commercial prospect plans
  - Notice that the Town of Grantsville was approved as an Arts and Entertainment District and
  - The Board presented a \$300 donation to the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department
6. The Board of County Commissioners listened to resident and constituency input and concerns.
- Eric Robison expressed his appreciation for the County Solar Energy Project
  - Mr. Robison also opined that Mettiki Coal Corporation was discharging a high level of acid mine drainage into the Potomac River and that the Community of Bloomington should be concerned. Commissioner Hinebaugh stated that such information was not accurate and the State of Maryland Department of the Environment monitors all discharges which meet all compliance regulations.
  - Shane Bosley, a member of the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department thanked the Board of County Commissioners for scheduling this public meeting and also expressed his appreciate to Mr. Pagenhardt for his employment with the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Roads Division.
  - Additional questions on the Bloomington Water Improvement Project
  - A number of residents asked the Board to “stick to your commitment to not forget Bloomington and come back.” The Board assured those in attendance that they will do this.
7. In compliance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act under Section 10-509, a record of the Executive Session for May 26, 2015 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 Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, moved into Executive Session under Section 10-508 of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date to address financial matters. The same motion ended the Executive Session.

- The Board of County Commissioners discussed the Draft Deep Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan. Chairman Edwards; Commissioner Tichnell; Deborah Carpenter, Director, Department of Planning and Land Management; and Mr. Pagenhardt had participated in a roundtable dialog on May 20, 2015 with State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton, Maryland Department of Natural Resources staff, Senator George Edwards, and Delegate Wendell Beitzel at which time the Draft Plan was discussed.

Points of discussion were the staffing of the Proposed Lake Management Executive Director and Section 12 - Water Level. The Board will continue to take the matter under advisement.

- The Board of County Commissioners met with Department of Economic Development staff to discuss a business prospect.
- The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Pagenhardt discussed the process moving forward on the appointment of the position of county administrator. Application, interview, and appointment schedule was agreed to which Mr. Pagenhardt will finalize and distribute.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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R. Lamont Pagenhardt,  
County Administrator

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Paul C. Edwards, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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Date