

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
August 21, 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 3:05 P.M.

- Southern Middle School – Capital Funding Reallocation. The Garrett County Board of Education requested the reallocation of the remaining budget balance from the Southern Middle School roof renovation project and fire alarm upgrade of \$74,516.39, to the sewer project that was budgeted for \$112,000, but due to change orders the project increased to \$188,023.19.

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 reallocation of funds in the amount of \$74,516.39 for the Southern Middle School Sewer Project.

- Michael Hough, Director, Garrett County Department of Economic Development provided an overview of Maryland’s Opportunity Zone program and the planned activities during Maryland Economic Development Week – October 22 - 26, 2018.
- Land Reclamation Committee – Citizen Representation. Peggy Jamison resigned as the Garrett County representative on this Board. The vacancy will be posted on the County website.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:45 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:02 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Rexrode

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there was 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 August 21, 2018.
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 6, 2018.
3. Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management - Road Name Resolution RN18-3
JB Churchill, GIS Specialist, Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management, requested approval to adopt the following road names:

New Roads: College Heights Court – Located off Bumble Bee Road
Stratford Court – Located off Wisp Adventure Road

Delete: At the request of the residents and to avoid confusion remove Medallion Drive use
Upper Medallion Drive. This road is located off Old Frostburg Road

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved this request and adopted Resolution RN 18-3.

4. Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division

Resolution 2018 – 6: Intent to Reimburse Expenditures by the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. This Resolution authorizes the Garrett County Sanitary District to pay for certain project fees before a loan/note is obtained and authorizes the Garrett County Sanitary District to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the loan/note.

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 2018 – 6.

5. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendation:

Bid #18-0802 – McHenry Business Park Sign

Two (2) Bids were received for this Bid. Western Maryland Signs - \$18,394.46 and Kenney Signs- \$37,854.15.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Garrett County Department of Economic Development, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Western Maryland Signs in the amount of \$18,394.46.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved awarding the Bid to Western Maryland Signs.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 4:12 P.M.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Community Action Committee

Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development – Community Development Block Grant Review & Comment for Program Homeless Initiative. The Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) is available through the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) “SFY2019 Homeless Initiative”

Grant Administrator and Fiscal Agent: Garrett County Community Action Committee (GCCAC)
Grant Performance Period: 24 months once awarded
Grant Request Amount is up to \$800,000.

REQUEST:

This grant application requests funding to support the establishment of a transitional home for men who have been incarcerated and are exiting from the local detention center. In addition, the

transitional home would also be a resource for those who are exiting from an inpatient recovery program seeking to reintegrate back into the local community. Currently, no dedicated housing capacity of this type exists in Garrett County to meet this need for men.

The majority of male inmates are serving time commonly for drug related offenses. On average the male inmates spend between 9 and 10 months in the facility. Approximately 75% of the male population are repeat offenders. The average age for inmates ranges consistently between 26-35 years while the average daily population is 42 inmates and the recidivism rate is 75%.

Local departments, agencies, concerned citizens, members of local law enforcement and the judiciary, believe that by providing a structured living environment and a suite of bundled services can positively impact participants and create positive outcomes for them and the community. The home will be staffed 24/7/365.

GCCAC has identified a four bedroom home from its housing stock that could be utilized. Individuals wishing to participate in the program would need a referral; they would be vetted and would have to have demonstrated a readiness to be accepted; there would be criteria for acceptance and to remain residing in the home. It is anticipated that participants will reside in the home for 6 to 12 months based upon their individual needs.

The first 6 months of the grant would be considered a 'ramping up' period – outfitting the home, aligning administrative resources, etc. - and the following 18 months would be dedicated to implementing services to resident participants. No match funding is required for this grant. The grant application will be available for review beginning August 27, 2018 and is set to be delivered by September 7, 2018 to DHCD.

There were no public comments received.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING – 4:20 PM

The Board of County Commissioners on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing and Opened the Public Meeting.

7. Public Commentary:

Chairman Edwards announced that the Board of County Commissioners authorized Sheriff Corley to hire three (3) additional School Resource Officers. The Deputies will be hired and receive training to be available for the Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 School Year.

8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners