

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 19, 2019**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards**  
**Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**

**County Administrator Kevin G. Null**

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners James C. Hinebaugh**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

The Administrative Session was opened at 3:00 P.M.

1. **2019 Legislative Requests** - Mr. Null briefed the Board of County Commissioners on recent legislative issues including:
  - ❖ Senate Bill 213/House Bill 405 – State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund – Unfavorable Report from House Environmental and Transportation Committee
  - ❖ Senate Bill 216/House Bill 244 – Garrett County – Hotel Rental Tax and Distribution of Revenue – Passed both Senate and House
  - ❖ Capital Budget - Garrett County Emergency Operating Center - \$500,000 and McHenry Business Park Shell Building - \$100,000. Both approved in Budget
2. Garrett County Board of Education Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Presentation. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to hold a Special Meeting for Budget Presentation, if needed.
3. **Senior House Issue** – Pastor Richard Egtvedt provided a brief presentation on Potential Senior Housing Initiatives to the Board of County Commissioners. Pastor Egtvedt proposed that a market rate senior housing study should be conducted to determine the true need. He requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider funding this study – Preliminary Study - \$2,500 with a full Study \$5,000.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Hinebaugh, the Board of County Commissioners deferred any action on this request.
4. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Administrative Session closed at 3:50 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Jeff Kroll**

**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 and carried by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for March 19, 2019.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2019.
3. **Proclamation: National Public Health Week** – April 1-7, 2019. Robert Stephens, Garrett County Health Officer and members of the Garrett County Health Department staff were presented a Proclamation for National Public Health Week.
4. **Resolutions Authorizing Funding:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division. Division Director Patrick Hudnall requested authorization to submit a request for funding from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the following projects:
  - ❖ USDA – Friendsville Sewer Equalization Tank - \$263,000
  - ❖ USDA – Bloomington Water Treatment Plant - \$376,000

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, authorized the Department of Public Works – Utilities Division to request the grant funding.

5. **Garrett Transit Transportation Plan Update** – Michael Hill, Director, Garrett Transit, provided an update on the 2019 transportation plan and requested authorization for Garrett Transit through Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. (CAC) to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration for grants under the Federal Transit Act.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, adopted a Resolution authorizing the County, through CAC, to file an application with Maryland Transit Administration for such grants.

#### **MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed and the Public Hearing opened at 4:16 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Economic Development – Keyser’s Ridge Business Park Enterprise Zone Designation Application

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on this date for the purpose of obtaining public comment on an application for the designation of an Enterprise Zone under Article 83A 5-402 of the Maryland Annotated Code. Kim Durst, Economic Development Specialist, Garrett County Department of Economic Development, gave a brief overview of the request.

There was no public comment or question.

#### **MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed and the Public Meeting opened at 4:19 p.m.

7. Authorization to submit an application for designation of an Enterprise Zone – Keyser’s Ridge Business Park.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, authorized the submission of an application for designation of an Enterprise Zone under Article 83A 5-402 of the Maryland Annotated Code.

8. **Public Commentary:**
  - ❖ None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- ❖ Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Presentations – Outside Agencies and County Departments

April 1, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.

Garrett College

Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County

April 16, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.

Garrett County Health Department

University of Maryland Extension Service

Departmental Budgets

10. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:23 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