

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
February 18, 2020
Held at Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 5:30 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

Commissioner Edwards announce that Commissioner Hinebaugh was out of town.

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 Chairman Edwards, which was seconded and made unanimous by Commissioner Tichnell approved the Public Meeting Agenda for February 18, 2020.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020.
3. Avilton Community Association – Request for Fiscal Year 2021 County Property Tax Abatement
The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2021 for the Avilton Community Association for Fiscal Year 2021 as authorized in the Maryland Tax Code – Section 9-313.
4. **Board Reappointments** - The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, reappointed the following individuals:
 - ❖ **Garrett County Drug Free Coalition – 4-Year Terms**
Reappointments
Alan Arnson, M.D.
Karen Hershfeld
Les McDaniel
Kendra McLaughlin
Sandy Miller
Fred Polce
Karl Schwalm, M.D.
 - ❖ **Emergency Medical Services – Region I Advisory Council – 3-Year Terms**
Reappointment
Doug Beitzel
Justin Orendorf
Wayne Tiemersma

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

5. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following recommendation:
Bid #20-0109 – Purchase and Installation of Carpet (Garrett County Health Department)

Three (3) Bids was received for this Bid: Success Floor Covering, LLC (\$37,916.30), Shumba Floors (\$51,343.00), and Tiles in Style (\$65,786.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Facilities & Maintenance, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Success Floor Covering, LLC for \$37,916.30.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Edwards, which was seconded by and made unanimous by Commissioner Tichnell, approved the Bid Award as recommended.

6. Presentation and Request for Funding – Tucker Community Foundation – “Run For It “

Jeffery Fellers, Assistant Development Director, Tucker Community Foundation, reported that in 2019, the Board of County Commissioners donated \$2,000 which resulted in \$11,500 in donations to local non-profit groups and requested the Board consider donating again this year. Chairman Edwards stated that the Board would take the request under advisement.

7. Public Commentary:

- ❖ Chairman Edwards recognized the large group in attendance to speak concerning the second amendment rights. He stated that the Commissioners support the Second Amendment Rights and will consider a Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution.
- ❖ Sheriff Rob Corley was also in attendance and provided some background information on the Maryland Firearm Safety Act of 2013 and his support of Second Amendment rights. Sheriff Corley stated that he will post contact information for the Senate and House judicial committees.
- ❖ Chairman Edwards and Sheriff Corley encouraged citizens to write letters, call, or attend hearings to make sure people down state are aware of their concerns.
- ❖ The group felt that if the Commissioners declared Garrett County a sanctuary county it would make a statement to the rest of the state and show support for a majority of Garrett County residents.

8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Garrett College – GIEC Building – Room 111 with a Community Presentation following at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 6:13 P.M.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: Chairman Edwards and Commissioner Tichnell presented the Community Presentation, discussing the budget and Kirwan Commission recommendation and the potential financial impact to the County.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners