

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/garrettcountygovernment/>

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Edwards, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Commissioner Tichnell, tabled the request for the abatement of real property tax on properties owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.
2. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Pastor Kroll

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the revised Public Meeting Agenda for May 16, 2023.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023.
3. **PROCLAMATION:** National EMS Week – May 21-27, 2023. Garrett County Emergency Medical Services Chief Wayne Tiemersma announced a *Stop the Bleed* training to be held on May 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center. This training is open to the public
4. **RECOGNITION:** Railey Design Center – 10th Year Anniversary
5. **ADOPTION:** Resolution 2023 – 4: Amendment - Operation of Off Road Vehicles on Highways Ordinance
The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on May 1, 2023 concerning a proposed Amendment to the Garrett County Maryland Code of Ordinances, Chapter 70.10 Operating of All-Terrain Vehicles or Snowmobiles on Highway in Garrett County.

The proposed Amendment would increase the distance that designated vehicles may operate on certain roads with a permit from Two (2) miles to Five (5) miles and permits Off-Road Motorcycles, as defined in the Transportation Article. The proposed Amendment follows the adoption of changes to the Maryland Transportation Section 25-10.2 in 2022.

No public comments were received.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Amendment via Resolution 2023-4.

6. On behalf of the Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division, County Administrator Kevin Null presented the following recommendations:

Bid #23-0427 – Hauling of Refuse and/or Recycled Materials

Two (2) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Sunrise Sanitation Services, Inc. (Section A - \$224,714.75 and \$230.00 Price per ton of Scrap Tires) and Perry’s Solid Waste Disposal (Section A - \$196.169.44 and \$230.00 Price per ton of Scrap Tires).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Solid Waste & Recycling Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Perry’s Solid Waste Disposal for \$196.169.44 – Sections A and \$230 per ton of Scrap Tires.

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

Bid #23-0427SC – Snowy Creek Bridge G-14 Concrete Abutments Construction

One (1) Bid response was received for this Bid: Concrete General, Inc. (\$4,330.517.00).

The Garrett County Purchasing Division recommended rejecting the Bid received because the bid price was significantly over the project budget. The scope of work for this project will be reviewed internally and the project will be rebid in the future.

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

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed, and the Public Hearing opened at 4:18 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Maryland Department of Community Development Block Grant Applications

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a **Public Hearing** to obtain commentary on community development, economic development, and housing needs, and to offer citizens the opportunity to hear and review plans for applications which the County proposes to submit to the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Projects proposed for submission are:

- CAPABLE Home Modification Project (\$325,000)
- First Time Homebuyers Down Payment Assistant Programs (\$230,000)

The Resolution, when adopted, would provide authorization to submit an application to the Community Development Block Grant Program, for funds not to exceed \$800,000.

No Public Comments were received.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Public Meeting reopened at 4:25 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.
- ❖ **ADOPTION** – The Fiscal Year 2024 Garrett County Government Operating & Capital Budget will be adopted on Monday, June 5, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:30 P.M.

4:30 **PUBLIC PRESENTATION:** Fiscal Year 2024 Garrett County Government Operating & Capital Budget. The Public Budget presentation ended at 5:48 p.m.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners