

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, June 5, 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. Board Appointments – Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee – 3 Appointments

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Chairman Edwards, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Commissioner Tichnell, appointed the following individuals to the Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee – 4-Year Terms:

Appointments

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| Heather Bosley | Department of Social Services |
| Angela Sisler | Mountain Laurel Medical Center |
| Verna Dunkinson | Maryland Coalition of Families |

2. Review and Approval – Fiscal Year 2023 Garrett County Government Budget Amendments

Garrett County Department of Financial Services Director, Scott Weeks, reviewed a request for Fiscal Year 2023 budget amendments. The Fiscal Year 2022 audited fund balance assignments and carryovers were reviewed and approved to amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimously by Chairman Edwards, approved the Budget Amendments.

3. 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 4:04 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions and one (1) deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda. At the request of the Garrett County Commission for Women their Update and Presentation was postponed. 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 Public Meeting Agenda for June 5, 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 16, 2023.

3. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division presented the following recommendations:

Bid #23-0511LA – Liquid Asphalt

Two (2) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Russell Standard and Specialty Emulsions, Inc.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Specialty Emulsions, Inc.

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 Bid Award as recommended.

4. **Resolution 2023 – 5: Maryland Department of Community Development Block Grant Applications – Special Projects**

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on May 16, 2023 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 & Community Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program for funds not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000).

The following Projects were approved for submission to the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development:

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

No public comment was 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 applicants by execution of an official Resolution 2023-5. (attached)

5. **Garrett County Government – Fiscal Year 2024 Operating & Capital Budget.**

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates by Resolution 2023 – 6. (attached)

No public comment was received on the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating & Capital Budget.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and adopted the Constant Yield Rate, all other applicable tax rates, and the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution 2023 - 6.

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 4:15 p.m.

6. **Agricultural Land Preservation Districts**

PUBLIC HEARING: Garrett County Agricultural Land Preservation District Applications. Upon the recommendation from the Garrett County Agricultural Land Advisory Board and the Garrett County Planning Commission, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to review the following four (4) applicants who requested that their land be established as a Garrett County Agricultural Preservation District.

Applicants:

Beverly Stone (52.7 Acres)
Kenneth Knox Jr. and Penny Knox (165.7 Acres)
Joseph M. Yoder (90.2 Acres)
Ethan Carey (121.7 Acres)

No public comment was received. The record will remain open until June 20, 2023.

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 4:20 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department.
- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners recognized Connor Norman for being named the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Diplomat of the Year.
- ❖ Reminder the due to road construction, Glendale Road at Route 219 will be closed to through traffic. Follow detours from Sand Flat Road to Paradise Ridge Road to Zedock Miller Road to Glendale Road.

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 4:23 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners