

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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. **Real Property Exemption – Avilton Community Association**

Avilton Community Association – Request for Fiscal Year 2025 County Property Tax Abatement granted under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 9-313.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Avilton Community Association.

2. **Board Appointments/Reappointments** - The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals:

- ❖ Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee – Appointment of Jessica Savage as the Social Services Representative to fulfill the unexpired term of Heather Bosley who resigned from her position. Term will expire June 30, 2026.
- ❖ Garrett County Planning Commission – Reappointment of Elizabeth Georg for a 5-Year Term. Term will expire February 4, 2029.

3. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative 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 Commissioner Tichnell

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 Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for February 20, 2024.
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 February 5, 2024.
3. **ADOPTION/EXECUTION** – Resolution 2024 – 1: Garrett County Homestead Tax Credit – 3%
The Board of County Commissioners held a Public Hearing on February 5, 2024 and held the public record open for comments. Other than comments made at the Public Hearing, no additional comments were received.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution 2024 – 1.

4. **RECOGNITION:** Railey Realty – 50th Anniversary.

The Board of County Commissioners recognized Railey Realty and Railey Vacation on its 50th Anniversary. Chairman Edwards noted that Railey Realty is more than just buying and selling real estate, they are actively involved in the community and are committed to Garrett County.

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

Hannah Snyder, Assistant Development Director, Tucker Community Foundation, reported that in 2023, the Board of County Commissioners donated \$2,000 which resulted in \$48,150 in donations and scholarships 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. Request for consideration for a donation of \$2,500.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- ❖ Chairman Edwards announced that the Garrett County Government employees had formed a team to participate in the 1st Annual Community Dunk that will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 and encouraged everyone to attend and cheer on all the participants.
- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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 4:25 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners