

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Held at Accident Volunteer Fire Department

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 6:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated 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 July 18, 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 July 3, 2023.
3. Chairman Edwards thanked the Accident Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the Board of County Commissioners public meeting and presented Chief Richard Carlson with a \$250 donation.
4. **RECOGNITION:**
 - ❖ Fratz Store – 65th Anniversary. W. H. Fratz, Inc. opened its doors in Accident, Maryland in 1958 to serve the construction, farming, and landscaping needs of the community and surrounding region and still remains a family-owned business
5. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee – Three (3) Year Terms:
Reappointments
Christina Davis
Shanna Humphrey

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals to the Garrett County Health Planning Council. A request for appointment of Lorena de Leon was declined due to being a non-resident of Garrett County.

Garrett County Health Planning Council – Three (3) Year Terms:

Appointment

Marian Emr

Amy Jones

Donna McClintok-Fost

Reappointments

Rodney Glotfelty

William Riley

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals to the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.

Appointments coincide with the Board of County Commissioners Term

Appointment

Stephen Kelley

David Moe

Reappointment

Merlin Beitzel

Official letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of the appointment.

6. Reflection House Funding Request – Discussion on a funding request from Reflection House for \$120,000 to be used to match a grant from Rural Maryland Council. The Reflection House received a \$200,000 grant from the Rural Maryland Council that required match funding. Volunteers have raised over \$80,000 and requested a \$120,000 donation from the County to equal the match.

This funding will be used to establish a recovery home for families with substance abuse issues and to provide a support network. This is a one-time donation for the acquisition of property that will be owned and operated by the Reflection House.

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 request of \$120,000 for Reflection House.

7. **GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY APPOINTMENT**

Due to the resignation of Dr. Matthew Paugh from the Garrett County Board of Education and pursuant to the Maryland Education Code, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners “shall appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy in an elected member’s position on the board for the remainder of the term and until a successor is elected and qualifies”.

The Board of County Commissioners advertised the open position for persons interested in appointment to this position and who reside in District 1 - three (3) letters of interest were received. The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the candidates and conducted interviews. While all three individuals were well qualified, the Board recommended appointing Mr. Cody Brill to the position.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed Cody Brill to fill the unexpired term of the Garrett County Board of Education.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

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 6:15 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners