

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
December 7, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh, Jr.
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The Administrative Session was open at 3:35 p.m.

1. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative, non-privileged, personnel, and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:45 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

The Board opened the Legislative Request portion of the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners presented their 2016 legislative requests to Senator George Edwards and Delegate Wendell Beitzel.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:45 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Additions/deletions to Public Meeting Agenda. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions/deletions. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for December 7, 2015.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2015.
3. Purchasing Department
Bid Awards
 - a. Economic Impact Study for Shale Gas – Eight bid packets was received for consulting services to develop the RFP to conduct the Economic Impact Study. Members of the Shale Advisory Board reviewed and rated the proposals. Based upon the review the Purchasing Department recommends Downstream Strategies, LLC be awarded the contract in the amount of \$13,325.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved issuing the contract to Downstream Strategies, LLC.

- b. Three (3) single-axle dump trucks (Roads Division)– The Purchasing Department recommended Freightliner of Hagerstown be awarded the contract in the amount of \$477,915 (\$159,305 each). The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved issuing the contract to Freightliner of Hagerstown.

4. Public Commentary

- Thanked the Board for their support of the economic study but was concerned over the length of time given to develop the RFP, 4 months. The time frame of four (4) months is an estimate and the actual process may be less.
- Questioned whether the Board has received any information on how the Board or other interested parties can participate in the development of the Marcellus Shale rules and regulations. It is the Board’s understanding that interested groups from the county will have an opportunity to participate in the process.
- Request that the Board of County Commissioners support the Water Resources and Fractured Rock Aquifers Act. A bill will be filed in the upcoming General Assembly.

5. Board of County Commissioners Board, Commission and Appointment Schedule.

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Garrett College Auditorium.

A Public Hearing on the opening of Overlook Pass is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Garrett College Auditorium.

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners will present their Annual County Update on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garrett College Auditorium.

- 6. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the public meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date