

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
January 17, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Executive Assistant Carol A. Riley-Alexander

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

The Administrative Session was open at 3:21 P.M.

I. Board Appointments:

- Garrett County Planning Commission – Appointment of William Weissgerber to fulfill the unexpired term of Troy Ellington who resigned due to health issues. This term ends February 2, 2021.
- Garrett County Civil Service Board – Appointment of Jack Turney to fulfill the unexpired term of Miriam Sincell who resigned. This term ends March 2018. (This appointment was officially made on December 20, 2016)
- Garrett County Emergency Services Board – Appointment of the following individuals to a two (2) year term: Reappointments (R)/Appointment (A)
 - a) Alex Mellot, representing Garrett County Fire and Rescue Association (R)
 - b) Richard Carlson, representing Garrett County Chief's Association (R)
 - c) Johnny Mayne, representing Southern Garrett Rescue Squad (R)
 - d) Terry Spear, Northern Garrett Rescue Squad (A)
 - e) Edward McLellan, member of the general public (R)
 - f) Louis Battistella, member of the general public (R)
 - g) George Vincent, member of the general public (R)
 - h) John Frank, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management (R)
 - i) Wayne Tiemersma, EMS Chief, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Management (R)
- Garrett County Health Planning Council – Appointments to fulfill unexpired terms:
 - Appointment of Pam Hagemen to fulfill the unexpired term of Pamela Nelson, Garrett County Area on Aging Representative, who retired
 - Appointment of Robbin Skipper to fulfill the unexpired term of Ernest Gregg, Pharmacy Representative, who resigned.
- Garrett County Commission For Women – On the recommendation of the Commission for Women – Appointment of Kristal Huber as a County Commissioner Representative for a three (3) year term.

The Board of Garrett County Commissioners, on a motion by Commission Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved all appointments.

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:35P.M.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Ms. Riley-Alexander indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commission Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for January 17, 2017.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2016.
3. **RECOGNITION** – Garrett County Government Employee Retirements
 - Margaret A. Miller – 10 Years – Garrett County Department of Facilities & Maintenance
 - Quincy G. Umbel – 30 Years – Garrett County Department of Public Works – Roads Division
4. Proclamation – Garrett County Mentoring Month – January 2017
5. Garrett County Purchasing Department
 - Contract Extension: HVAC Services - Bid # 15-1217H – One (1) year extension of the current contract issued to Beitzel Corporation
 - Architectural/Engineering Services Emergency Operations Center – RFP# 16-1101 - Nine (9) bids were received. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the contract to Manns Woodward Studios at the estimated cost for the Preliminary Design Phase (\$461,010.00) plus Communications/Technology Consultant – Mission Critical Partners (\$216,860.00). The cost of the A/E and Communication/Technology services will be covered by an allocation of \$850,000 (\$550,000 County and \$300,000 State Bond) which is currently approved in the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget.
 - Oakland Roads Garage Gas Monitor Replacement – RFP # 16-208 – One (1) bid was received. The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the bid in the amount of \$21,987.80 to Pillar Innovations, LLC.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Contract Extension #15-1217H and RFP #16-1101 and #16-16-0927.

- Garrett County Economic Study of Potential Development of Shale Natural Gas – FRP 16-0927
Four (4) bids were received: Sage Policy Group, Chmura Economics & Analysis, George Mason University, and Downstream Strategies. The selection committee recommended Downstream Strategies. However, per the RFP, the bids were valid for 90 days (December 26, 2016). The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended to either reject all bids or award the contract on condition that the proposal be extended.

Chairman Edwards asked if there was a motion to award the RFP – There was no motion. Chairman Edwards then opened up for discussion. The Board stated that the State advised them that funding for the Study would not be provided prior to possible action of a ban/moratorium that may take place during the 2017 Legislation Session; the Study would not be available for at least six months, well after the end of the legislative session, and therefore not available for the Legislature's consideration; in the event the

Legislature does not pass a ban/moratorium, there would still be adequate time to do a study before any permits are issued.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, rejected all bids for RFP #16-0927.

6. Public Commentary –Questions on the cost of the Marcellus Shale Study, Rebidding of Shale Natural Gas Study, Grow West locating in a residential area, ClosetMaid layoffs, Economic Development prospects in the Kesyer’s Ridge Business Park.
7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - 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 4:42 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

Kevin G. Null,
County Administrator

Paul C. Edwards, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners