

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**July 3, 2017**

**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 3:00 P.M.

1. Northern Garrett High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) – Barn Project: Ms. Yost, Faculty Adviser, and Officers of the Northern Garrett High School FFA presented an overview of the Agricultural Science Facility at Northern Garrett High School. The building was torn down in 2016 and the members are raising funds to construct a new barn facility for Agricultural Science. The estimated cost is \$45,000 and the FFA has raised \$7,400 so far. The FFA Officers requested the Board to consider making a donation towards the project.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a donation of \$10,000 to Northern High School FFA Barn Project.

2. Board Appointments – Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee: The Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee recommended the following appointments:

❖ Members for Appointment – Three (3) Year Term

Emily Bladen  
Ula Slider  
Jessica Nice  
Scott Alexander

❖ Members for Reappointment – Three (3) Year Term

Pam Hageman  
Jessica Salinas  
Kathy Schrock  
Kathy Whitacre  
Stacy Wilson

❖ Members not eligible for reappointment

Tom Dabney  
Carrie DiSimone  
Dawn Graves  
Mary Ellen Nasif  
Donna Rice

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved all appointments. An official letter of appointment will be sent to each individual under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

3. Garrett County Transportation Priority Capital Projects (Number 1 Priorities)
  - ❖ Planning – Truck Corridor Feasibility Study - MD 135 & MD 495
  - ❖ Safety – Oakland By-Pass
  - ❖ System Preservation – Stormwater Drain Repair-US 291 @ Burger King
  - ❖ Sidewalk/Streetscape – Oakland Streetscape Project
  - ❖ Trail & Pedestrian – Pedestrian Crossing at US 219 and Mosser Road
  - ❖ Transit – Transit Service Expansion
  - ❖ Regional Transportation – US 219N Reconstruction/Relocation

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 Transportation Priority Capital Projects for submission to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

4. Discussion on traffic issues concerning a traffic light on 219N & Pysell Road and speed limit on Westernport Road. The Board will request that the Garrett County Traffic Advisory Committee review these issues and make recommendations.
5. Update – Garrett County Department of Economic Development Director Search

The Administrative Session was closed at 3:50 P.M.

#### **CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:02 PM**

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell. Commissioner Edwards asked for a moment of silence in memory of Town of Mountain Lake Park Mayor Leo Martin who recently passed away.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting Agenda. 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 July 3, 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 June 19, 2017.
3. Recognition: The Board presented Mr. Rodney Glotfelty, who retired July 1, 2017 as the Garrett County Health Officer, with a Certificate of Commendation for his 41 years of services with the State and Local Government Service.
4. Garrett County Purchasing Department

Bid Award: Motor Oil and Grease Bid # 17-0525MO

Two (2) bids were received: Bruceton Petroleum Co, Inc and PPC Lubricants, Inc. The Purchasing Department recommended awarding the motor oil and grease bid to Bruceton Petroleum Co., Inc. The contract is for one (1) year with an option for a one (1) year extension. The Department also recommended the bid for 5W motor oil be rejected as the product is not used.

RFP Award: On Call Civil/Structural Engineering Services RPF # 17-0502

Eighteen (18) responses were received for on-call civil/structural engineering services. A four (4) member Selection Committee reviewed the proposals and interviewed three firms: Wallace

Montgomery & Associates, The Wilson Ballard Co., and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. The Selection Committee recommended awarding the contract to Wallace Montgomery & Associates, LLP. The contract is for three (3) years with options for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, awarded Bid # 17-0525MO and RPF # 17-0502 as recommended.

5. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Meeting at 4:16 P.M. and opened the Public Hearing on the closure of a portion of Accident Friendsville Road known as Limestone Road.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Roads Division - Limestone Road Partial Closure. The County desires to close a section of Limestone Road permanently in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The section to be closed is located 3.3 miles from the intersection of Route 219 and the Accident Friendsville Road. The section encompasses 5,715 feet from Deere Road to property located at 4501 Accident Friendsville Road. The section of Accident Friendsville Road is known as Limestone Road.

The Board received one comment prior to hearing. Mr. & Mrs. Gary Broadwater requested that the road be kept open. There was also a question on how the road would be closed/secured. The County will work with property owners to determine the best method to close the road and restrict access.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing at 4:24 PM and opened the Public Hearing on the Puzzley Run Water Project.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division - Puzzley Run Water Project Proposed Improvements

Pursuant to Section 9-652 (1) of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County obtained plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the Puzzley Run Water Project. The probable cost of the contemplated improvements, based on the latest available estimates, which cost figure shall not be final for any purpose other than this notice is \$1,370,700.

Design plans of the Puzzley Run Water Project may be inspected at the office of the Garrett County Department of Public Works - Utilities Division at 2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 2, Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

❖ No public comments were received.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing at 4:31 PM and opened the Public Hearing on the Bloomington Water Storage Tank Project.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division - **Bloomington Water Storage Tank Replacement Project**

Pursuant to Section 9-652 (1) of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland notice was given that the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County obtained plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the Bloomington Water Tank Replacement Project. The probable cost of the contemplated

improvements, based on the latest available estimates, which cost figure shall not be final for any purpose other than this notice is \$510,000. The project will not increase the water rates in Bloomington.

Design plans of the Bloomington Water Tank Replacement Project may be inspected at the office of the Garrett County Department of Public Works - Utilities Division at 2008 Maryland Highway - Suite 2, Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing at 4:34 PM.

## 9. PUBLIC HEARING ACTIONS:

### **A. Petition for the closing of a portion of Accident Friendsville Road know as Limestone Road - Petition #2017-1**

The County owns and maintains a system of roads within Garrett County, Maryland and by provisions of the State Code, is authorized to take those actions that it believes are necessary or required to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the use of the road system.

Due to a landslide and the resulting unstable conditions associated with that slide, a portion of Limestone Road has been closed to public travel since December 21, 2016. It has been determined that it is not feasible, from an economic or engineering perspective, to repair the road. The County desires to close this section of the Road permanently. The section to be close is located 3.3 miles from the intersection of Route 219 and the Accident Friendsville Road. The section encompasses 5,715 feet from Deere Road to property located at 4501 Accident Friendsville Road.

The County has a duty to maintain roads safely as feasible. The County has attempted to stabilize the roadway; however, slides continue to occur. As a result, the County can no longer insure public safety when traveling the road and it is not feasible to repair or maintain the roadway.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Petition # 2017-1 to close a portion of Accident Friendsville Road known as Limestone Road.

### **B. Approval of the Puzzley Run Water Project in accordance with the Plans**

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 Puzzley Run Water Project in accordance with the Plans.

### **C. Approval of the Bloomington Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in accordance with the Plans**

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 Bloomington Water Storage Tank Replacement Project in accordance with the Plans.

## 10. Public Commentary

- ❖ Question on the appointment of the new Garrett County Health Officer. The Board recommended Robert Stephens for the position. The recommendation is pending approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- ❖ Status of the selection process for the Garrett County Department of Economic Development Director - The Selection Committee has reviewed applications and scheduled interviews for Monday, July 10, 2017.

11. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners next scheduled Public Meeting will be Monday, July 17, 2017 at Friendsville Town Hall at 5:00 PM.

**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 4:41 P.M.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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Kevin G. Null,  
County Administrator

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Paul C. Edwards, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners