

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**August 6, 2018**

**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 opened at 3:00 P.M.

**1. Real Property Exemption – Garrett Regional Medical Center**

Request for Fiscal Year 2019 County Property Tax Abatement for the following Garrett Regional Medical Center properties:

Account # 17013254	Lots 61-69 Pythian Avenue (Tressler)
Account # 17004115	15.94 Acres W/S Pythian Avenue (Undeveloped)
Account # 17013262	Lots 70-80 Pythian Avenue (Medical Office Building)
Account # 17002813	307 N. Fourth St (Browning House)
Account # 16024996	S/S Francis Sanders Drive W (Storage Building)
Account # 17008412	222 North Fourth Street (Darby House)

Request for a refund of \$1,414.71 which is the County's portion for Tax Year 2018 for the following two parcels of property owned by the Board of Governors of Garrett County Memorial Hospital:

Account # 14016260	79.98 Acres 0.3 Mi W Rt 219 North (Lapp Land) \$979.11
Account # 14035095	25.00 Acres Parcel 1-B W/S Rt 219 (Lapp Land) \$435.60

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 real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2019 and the refund for Fiscal Year 2018 taxes requested by Garrett Regional Medical Center. A copy of this approval will be sent to the Garrett County Department of Financial Services and the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation.

**2. Board Appointments: Recommended by the Garrett County Local Management Board**

- Appointment – Lynne Hardesty for a three (3) year term that expires August 5, 2021.
- Reappointment – Henrietta Lease for a three (3) year term that expires July 16, 2021.

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 appointments as recommended.

An official letter of appointment will be sent to Ms. Hardesty and Ms. Lease under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

3. **Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Amendment:** Request for funding for Garrett County Detention Center HAVC Repairs – Authorization to transfer \$40,000.00 to cover expenses needed to repair the HVAC system in the Garrett County Detention Center.

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 transfer of funds.

4. Garrett County Sheriff's Department – School Resource Officers – Staff Increase Request

The Board of County Commissioners received a letter of support from Barbara Baker, Superintendent, Garrett County Board of Education for three (3) additional School Resources Officers (SRO) as recommended by Sheriff Rob Corley.

Sheriff Corley stated in order to provide these additional SRO positions, he would need to hire and train additional personnel. Sheriff Corley requested authorization to hire three (3) new deputies for the October or December Police Academy.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed funding for this request which is estimated at approximately \$400,000. While State funding may be forthcoming, nothing has been finalized. Therefore, funds must be found in the General County Budget, Capital Budget, or the Garrett County Board of Education Budget.

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 funding of three (3) new positions for the Garrett County Sheriff's Department for SRO and have them placed in the police academy this year.

5. 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 3:48 P.M.

#### **CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM**

#### **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Invocation by Pastor Kroll**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no additions and one (1) deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Resolution 2018 – 6 was removed due to prospects delays in business startup. 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 August 6, 2018.
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 July 17, 2018.
3. Proclamation: Lakes Appreciation Month - Presented to representatives of the Friends of Deep Creek Lake. Members thanked those who helped pass the State Lakes Fund Bill this past legislative session.

4. Garrett County Department of Emergency Management:

John Frank, Director, Garrett County Department of Emergency Management, introduced members of the Garrett County HazMat Team. The thirteen (13) member team is made up of volunteer members from the various fire/rescue companies in the County. Members thanked the Board of County Commissioners for providing Worker's Compensation Coverage for volunteers.

Mr. Frank announced the promotion of four (4) Garrett County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) individuals from Shift Coordinator to EMS Lieutenant: Curtis O'Neil, Vickie Walker, Phillip Rumor, and Joshua Hook.

5. Resolution 2018 – 5: McHenry Business Park Lot Transfer

Sale of Lot 1 (7.48 acres) at the McHenry Business Park to Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) in consideration for the construction by MEDCO of a 20,000 square foot shell building on the property to be utilized by the County and MEDCO in the economic development of the County.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Resolution 2018-5. Chairman Edwards and Mr. Null executed the Resolution on behalf of the Board to this transfer of property to include a Resolution allowing the plat to be recorded.

6. Public Commentary:

- Commissioner Tichnell was asked a campaign related question. Chairman Edwards stated that the question was not appropriate for the Public Meeting and advised it should be held outside of the Public Meeting.
- Questions on Sign Ordinance enforcement in the Deep Creek Zoning Ordinance concerning a banner style flags in front of a business and how this Ordinance can be changed. Deborah Carpenter, Director, Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management explained the procedures her office follows and the process in which individuals may appeal.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, authorized the Department of Planning and Land Development to defer enforcement of the Sign Ordinance pending a hearing by the Planning Commission.

- Request to continue to seek state funding for the Arrowhead dredging project and to request that Governor Hogan include funds to fully fund the State Lakes Fund in the Maryland Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.
- Question on property tax exemptions for the shell building - will MEDCO pay property tax on the building. MEDCO does not pay property tax; however, once the building is occupied the owner/leasee will pay property tax.

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:00 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