

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting was Held via Video Conference

IN ATTENDANCE

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:00 PM

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no addition or deletion 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 September 8, 2020.
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 August 3, 2020.
3. **Update on Garrett County Board of Elections:** Steven Fratz, Director, Board of Elections, provided an update on Garrett County Board of Elections for the 2020 election process.
 - ❖ Mail-in ballot applications have been mailed to registered citizens. If completed and returned to the Garrett County Board of Elections, the applicant will receive a ballot. It is encouraged to vote by mail to limit delays at the polls and possible exposure to COVID-19.
 - ❖ Early Voting Centers are located at the Oakland Community Center & the Northern Outreach Center in Grantsville and will be open Monday, October 26, 2020 through Monday November 2, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Election Day, November 3, 2020 there will be no precinct polling locations open. Instead, Garrett County will be using the following voting centers on election day: Oakland Community Center, Northern Outreach Center in Grantsville, and Northern High School in Accident. These facilities will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Citizens can vote at any location.
4. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**
 - ❖ **Commission For Women** – Three (3) Year Terms
 - Appointments
 - Amanda Mattingly
 - Pamela Trickett
 - ❖ **Garrett County Health Planning Council** – Three (3)Year Terms
 - Appointment
 - Nicole Christian

Reappointments

George Evans
Willis McGill, MD
Stephen Putman

Robin McGill
Christie Reckart
William Riley

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 appointments. An official letter of appointment will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards.

5. The Garrett County Purchasing Department presented the following Bid Award recommendations:

Bid #20-0806A – Asphalt Repair:

One (1) response was received for this Bid: Beitzel Excavating, LLC (Asphalt Repair – State Road \$95.00 yard / Asphalt Repair – County Road \$75.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Beitzel Excavating, LLC.

Bid #20-0806W – Water & Sewer Tap Service:

This contract is for on-call service in cases where the Department of Public Works – Utilities Maintenance Division is unable to make the necessary repairs based on current workload or other extenuating circumstances.

One (1) response was received for this Bid: Beitzel Excavating, LLC (\$7,940.00).

After reviewing the Bid for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Beitzel Excavating, LLC for \$7,940.00.

Bid #20-0820 – Emergency Operations Center Elevator Installation:

Two (2) responses were received for this Bid: Eastern Elevator Service & Sales Co. (\$89,000.00) and Delaware Elevator (\$108,811.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Garrett County Department of Facilities & Maintenance, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the contract to Eastern Elevator Service & Sales Co. for \$89,000.00. This project should be eligible for reimbursement from State Bond Funding once approved by the Board of Public Works.

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 Bid Awards as recommended.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed and the Public Hearing opened at 4:13 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING: Maryland Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act COVID Round 2**

Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has \$15,014,746 in funding available to be awarded statewide from Round 2 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES).

To ensure that the grant activities are used to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus crisis, the State has chosen to limit the use of these funds to benefit low and moderate income persons through emergency rental assistance projects which are a public service. Beneficiaries must be able to demonstrate that they have an unmet financial need and have lost their employment or had a reduction of work hours due to the coronavirus crisis.

Applications for consideration of Round 2 of the CDBG CARES COVID funding will be made available for public review Monday, September 14, 2020 through Friday, September 18, 2020 by accessing the website, using information provided in the Public Hearing Notice advertised in The Republican newspaper on August 27, 2020.

<https://www.garrettcountry.org/economic-development/filesshare/md-cdbg-homeless-covid-19-1>
entering the username: COVID19 password: Round2

The MD DHCD application deadline is October 2, 2020. An application for emergency rental assistance is currently being proposed, utilizing Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. (GCCAC), and its division of Service Coordination. GCCAC staff is available to provide additional detail.

Duane Yoder, President, GCCAC, stated that funds are for rental assistance. These grants are open to all counties in the State and involve a competitive application process. GCCAC applied for funds in Round 1 but did not receive funding.

Mr. Yoder stated that CAC anticipated a need of \$680,000 and requested the Board of Commissioners approve a request for funding "up to \$800,000 in the Resolution.

Chairman Edwards stated that Citizens are invited to express their views on community development, housing and homeless needs, in preparation for the submission of an application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's - Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Comments will be accepted through September 18, 2020 via email at gccomments@garrettcountry.org. All comments will be made part of the record.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Public Meeting was opened at 4:26 p.m.

7. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via live stream.

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 4:27 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners