

# BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/garrettcountygovernment/>

#### IN ATTENDANCE

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards**  
**Commissioner James C. Hinebaugh**  
**Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**  
  
**County Administrator Kevin G. Null**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

1. **Board Appointments/Reappointments** - The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals:
  - ❖ Garrett County Community Law Enforcement Personnel Retirement Board – 2-Year Term – Colt Ruby as the Garrett County Sheriff Department Representatives to the Garrett County Law Enforcement Personnel Retirement Board of Trustees. This appointment was the result of a general election held among the Garrett County Sheriff Department employees.
  - ❖ Garrett County Health Planning Council – 5-Year Terms
    - Reappointment  
Regina Gearhart
    - Appointment  
Rodney Glotfelty – Fulfilling the unexpired term of Nicole Christian

Official letters will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment

2. Purdue Pharma Settlement - County Attorney Gorman E. Getty III updated the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed settlement of the class action suit. Mr. Getty explained that any settlement will be based upon a matrix approved by the Court and recommended approval of the settlement agreement.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards approved acceptance of the settlement.

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:05 PM**

#### **PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell**

#### 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 July 6, 2021.

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 22, 2021.

3. **Garrett Regional Medical Center and WVU Medicine – Update**

County Attorney Gorman E. Getty presented a Letter of Intent between GRMC/WVU Medicine to the Board of County Commissioners for the potential lease of the county-owned hospital property as part of the acquisition of GRMC by WVU Medicine.

The Letter of Intent is a non-binding agreement which allows parties to begin the review and due diligence of an acquisition. Mr. Getty recommended the Board enter into the agreement.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and signed the Letter of Intent.

4. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division presented the following recommendations:

**Bid #21-0610 – Emergency Operations Center Decking Replacement**

Two (2) Bids was received for this Bid: Thomas & Thomas Construction and Daystar Builders, Inc.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works - Facilities Division, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Thomas & Thomas Construction for Option 3 – Composite Lumber and Option5 – Vinyl Handrail in the amount of \$42,500.

**Bid #21-0617 – Emergency Operations Center Exterior Painting**

Six (6) Bids were received for this Bid: Thomas & Thomas Construction, LLC (\$21,620), Hoyman Painting (\$21,642), EARN Contractors, Inc. (\$24,390), Titan Industrial Services, Inc. (\$24,750), TJT Services (\$39,000), and Colossal Contractors, Inc. (\$61,100).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works - Facilities Division, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Thomas & Thomas Construction, LLC. In the amount of \$61,000.

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 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 4:18 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 911 FEE RATES**

In accordance with Maryland Law – **PUBLIC SAFETY** Code §1-311 which authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland, to adopt a charge for the local 9-1-1 emergency number system and under §35.04 of the Garrett County Code of Ordinances Garrett County Code of Ordinance, Garrett County has the authority to establish and apply a county 9-1-1 fee for each switched local exchange access service, CMRS, or other 9-1-1 accessible service provided.

This proposed increase is needed based on the deficit (\$1,367,361) documented in the annual audit of Garrett County's FY2020 9-1-1 Revenue and Expenditures.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

On a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed and the Public Meeting opened at 4:21 p.m.

**6. RESOLUTION 2021 – 6: 9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER FEE INCREASE**

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Hinebaugh, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, by Resolution 2021-6 approved an increase in the 9-1-1 fees from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) in addition to any state levy is hereby imposed upon all current bills rendered for wired and wireless service within Garrett County, Maryland effective July 2021.

The new county 9-1-1 fee will remain in effect until repealed or modified by a subsequent county resolution and may not exceed a level necessary to cover the total eligible maintenance and operation costs of the county.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

8. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

**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 4:23 P.M.

**Attest:**

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**KEVIN G. NULL**  
County Administrator

**By Order of the Board,**

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**PAUL C. EDWARDS**, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners