

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 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 – Garrett County Department of Social Services

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 Department of Social Services Advisory Board – 3-Year Terms.

<u>Reappointments</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Scott Hollingsworth	Gregan Crawford
Suzanne Ryan	Mary VanSickle

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

2. Real Property Exemption – Garrett Regional Medical Center

Request for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 County Property Tax Abatement for the following Garrett Regional Medical Center properties:

Account # 14016260	79.98 Acres 0.3 Mi W Rt 219 North (Lapp Land)
Account # 14035095	25.00 Acres Parcel 1-B W/S Rt 219 (Lapp Land)
Account # 16024996	S/S Francis Sanders Drive W (Storage Building)
Account # 17002813	0.68 Acres - 307 N. Fourth Street (Browning House)
Account # 17004115	15.94 Acres W/S Pythian Avenue (Undeveloped)
Account # 17008412	0.31 Acres - 222 North Fourth Street (Darby House)
Account # 17013254	0.58 Acres - Lots 61-69 Pythian Avenue (Tressler)
Account # 17013262	0.58 Acres - Lots 70-80 Pythian Avenue (Medical Office Building)
Account # 17001760	Lot 2 – Dawson Point Sub (Accounting and Administration)

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 real property exemption for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 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.

3. A group of interested citizens discussed the need for recreational center(s) in the county and the economic benefits of hosting sports tournaments.
4. 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 4:00 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 20, 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 July 6, 2021.
3. **Fiscal Year 2022 Program Open Space Project Requests** - Program Open Space funding available for Fiscal Year 2022 totaled \$298,124. Eight (8) development projects were submitted totaling \$298,124. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved funding for the following projects:

Town of Oakland	Broadford Park Pavilion #1 Roof Repairs	\$2,732
	Oakland Youth Baseball League Field Lighting	\$22,965
	Glades Park Basketball Court Resurfacing	\$49,500
	Mt. Fresh Pavilion install Garage Doors	\$25,200
Garrett College	Baseball Field Upgrades	\$45,825
Board of Education	Yough Glades Elem. School Replace Playground Equip.	\$82,312
McHenry Lions Club	Expand Pavilion	\$24,590
	Bicycle Track Construction	\$45,000

4. **Supplemental Funding Discussion:** The State of Maryland allocated a one-time distribution of \$1 million for recreational programs/projects. While not Program Open Space (POS) funds, the new allocation will follow the POS guidelines. The Board of County Commissioners made recommendations (attached), pending State approval.
5. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division presented the following recommendations:

Bid #21-0701 – Mountain Lake Park Water System – West 2nd Avenue Water Line Replacement

Three (3) Bids was received for this Bid: Frank Arnold Contractors (\$97,564.70), D&M Contracting, Inc. (\$134,000.00), and Excavating Associates (\$136,476.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works - Utilities Division, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Frank Arnold Contractors, Inc. for the total bid price of \$97,564.70.

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 Award as recommended.

6. Frostburg Physician’s Assistant Program Presentation

Carrie McMahon, Associate Program Director, Frostburg University, provided an overview of the Physician’s Assistant Program offered at Frostburg University, one of four in the state. This program accepts 25 applications annually; any applicant from the County is guaranteed an interview.

7. Resolution 2021-7: Garrett County Diversity & Inclusion Policy

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Hinebaugh, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, by Resolution 2021-7 adopted a Diversity & Inclusion Policy for Garrett County Government.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Commissioner Hinebaugh provided an update on the Swallow Falls Bridge replacement project. The County budgeted \$5 million for this project, which is about 90% designed. The County has been working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the permitting/right-of-way process. DNR has committed \$600,000 towards this project. Current plans call for the existing bridge to remain open for traffic while the new bridge is being constructed.

9. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021, 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 4:32 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Program Open Space Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2022

			Recommended Funding -POS	Proposed Funding w/ NEW funds	Total Award
Sponsor	Applicant Name-Location	Project Name, Project Description			
1	Town of Accident	Town Park West / Town Park East	Playground Equipment & Improvements		
		Town of Accident Total		\$0	\$55,478
2	Town of Oakland	Broadford Park*	Parking Lot Paving		\$7,000
		Broadford Park*	Pavilion #1 Upgrades: Roof, Electrical, ADA Improvements	\$2,732	\$21,541
		Broadford Park *	Boathouse Renovations		\$84,900
		B & O Museum *	Caboose Renovations		\$4,500
		Glades Park *	Tennis & Basketball Courts Resurfacing	\$49,500	\$10,450
		Mt. Fresh*	Garage Doors	\$25,200	\$5,320
		Glades Park *	Garage Doors		\$30,000
		Broadford Park	Oakland Youth Baseball League Field Lighting	\$22,965	\$82,332
		Town of Oakland Total		\$100,397	\$246,043
3	Garrett County	Garrett College	Baseball Field Upgrades	\$45,825	
		Garrett College Total		\$45,825	\$0
4	Garrett County	Yough Glades Elementary School	Replace Existing Playground Equipment	\$82,312	
		Yough Glades Elem. School Total		\$82,312	\$0
5	McHenry Lions Club	Lions Park	Pavilion Expansion	\$24,590	\$2,732
			Bicycle 'Pump' Track Construction	\$45,000	\$5,000
		McHenry Lions Park Total		\$69,590	\$7,732
6	Town of Loch Lynn Heights	Athletic Fields	(2) Soccer Fields - Lighting		\$310,000
		Park Sign			\$4,820
		Town of Loch Lynn Heights Total		\$0	\$314,820
7	Town of Grantsville	Community Park	Veteran's Memorial Walkway Landscaping		\$8,000
			Restroom Doors		\$3,000
			Restroom Heating Unit		\$3,000
			Pavilion Weather Screens		\$10,500
			Upgrade field lights-LED		\$155,000
		Town of Grantsville Total		\$0	\$179,500

				Recommended Funding	Proposed Funding w/	
Sponsor	Applicant Name-Location	Project Name, Project Description		-POS	NEW funds	Total Award
8	Town of Mountain Lake Park	Woodell Park Basketball Court	Basketball Court Improvements		\$20,500	
			Town of Mountain Lake Park Total	\$0	\$20,500	\$20,500
9	Garrett Trails	Fork Run	Trail Bridge		\$8,163	
			(2) Trail Signs		\$19,610	
			(2) Interpretive Panels		\$3,356	
			Trailhead Security Camera		\$1,180	
			Aluminum Composite Sign Panel		\$1,060	
			Garrett Trails Total	\$0	\$33,369	\$33,369
10	Garrett County	Fork Run	Planning		\$7,732	
		Recreation Facilities	Design		\$87,175	
			Total Garrett County	\$0	\$94,907	\$94,907
11	Town of Deer Park	Community Center	Parking lot paving		\$4,000	
			Total Town of Deer Park	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
12	Town of Kitzmiller					
		Town Pond	Refurbish Pond		\$1,000	
		Ball Field	Benches		\$2,160	
			Flower Beds-lumber and Picnic Tables		\$791	
			Town of Kitzmiller Total	\$0	\$3,951	\$3,951
13	Avilton Community Center		Roof repair		\$8,000	
			2 benches		\$1,200	
			trash receptacle		\$500	
			2 sidewalks and ramp to storage shed		\$30,000	
			Avilton Community Center Total	\$0	\$39,700	\$39,700
	AVAILABLE			\$298,124	\$1,000,000	
	PROPOSED			\$298,124	\$1,000,000	\$1,298,123

Resolution 2021 – 7

Garrett County Government

Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

WHEREAS, Garrett County, Maryland is a diverse community, including diversity among its residents in race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender and gender identification, national origin or perceived national origin, immigrant and refugee status, veteran status and disability; and

WHEREAS, all members of the community who choose to live in Garrett County have the right to be treated fairly and to live their lives with dignity, free from discrimination or disparate treatment; and

WHEREAS, the County understands that a healthy community is one in which all members of the community have an equity-based opportunity to access county services, participate in the public process and feel safe and welcome in their community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Garrett County Commissioners that the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County adopts:

Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

Garrett County strives to be a welcoming and inclusive place for all. We are committed to promoting respectful conduct, equitable service, and diversity in our community. We condemn discrimination by or against residents, visitors, workers, County employees, or county businesses. In all that we do as a County government, we pledge to treat everyone fairly, respectfully and without bias, regardless of their color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, familial status, immigration status, sexual orientation, age, income, or disability.

We commit to building a welcoming environment throughout the County that is free from harassment, discrimination, and disparities.

Vision: Our vision is that the Garrett County will be a welcoming and inclusive community that recognizes and honors diversity and is free from prejudice, harassment, bigotry, and hate.

Mission Statement: To recognize the important value of diversity in our community, to encourage, mutual respect and inclusivity, and further the enhancement of our community as one where cultural and physical diversity is celebrated as an important asset. We recognize the many facets of a diverse society may include, but are not limited to, race, religion, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic level, mental and physical differences, age, and sexual orientation.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

PAUL C. EDWARDS
Chairman

JAMES C. HINEBAUGH, JR.
Commissioner

S. LARRY TICHNELL
Commissioner