

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Monday, December 4, 2023**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman Paul C. Edwards**  
**Commissioner Ryan S. Savage**  
**Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell**  
  
**County Administrator Kevin G. Null**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

1. Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative 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 no addition or deletion to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for December 21, 2023.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded and carried by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023.
3. Resolution – USDA – ReConnect Program Grant and Security Agreement – Rt. 135 Broadband Project Resolution to enter into an agreement with USDA – Reconnect Program for funding for the Route 135 – Bloomington Fiber/Internet Project.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commission Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Resolution.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Meeting was closed and the Public Hearing opened at 4:17 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan Amendment**

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on this date for the purpose of consideration of an Amendment to the Garrett County Water & Sewerage Master Plan.

Siera Wigfield, Senior Planner, Garrett County Department of Community Development – Planning Division, gave a brief overview of the amendment to the Garrett County Water and Sewer Master Plan for the inclusion of a One-Million-Gallon water storage tank on Wisp Mountain to serve the Deep Creek Lake Water System.

Public Comments will be accepted until Monday, December 18, 2023. Comments can be submitted to [gccomments@garrettcounty.org](mailto:gccomments@garrettcounty.org) . Information on the proposed changes was posted on the County website.

Question on funding – the project is fully funded through Rural Development.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Public Hearing was closed, and the Public Meeting reopened at 4:20 p.m.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

6. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 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 Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:25 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