

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2024

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

- ❖ **Accident Community Housing Corporation** – Request for Fiscal Year 2025 County Property Tax Abatement granted under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 9-313.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Accident Community Housing Corporation.

- ❖ **Garrett Trails Advisory Committee - Board Reappointments** - The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, reappointed the following individuals for three (3) year terms:

<u>Reappointments</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Luke Mongrain	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Jeff Simcoe	Maryland Forest Service
Ryan Savage	County Commissioner
Siera Wigfield	Planning & Land Development

- ❖ Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION CLOSED AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OPENED

As authorized under Article § 3-305(b) (1), to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Board went into Executive Session at 3:53 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Board ended the Executive Session at 3:57 p.m.

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 one addition to the Public Meeting Agenda. Chairman Edwards announced that the Board of County Commissioners met in Executive Session prior to the Public Meeting as authorized under Article §3-305(b) (1), to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

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 April 1, 2024.

2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024.
3. **RECOGNITION:** D’s Eats - 5th Anniversary.
The Board of County Commissioners recognized D’s Eats on its 5th anniversary with a certificate.
4. **PROCLAMATION/POSTER CONTEST:** Arbor Day – April 5, 2023. – Proclamation presented to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Maryland Forest Service.

Arbor Day poster contest winners were also recognized with 49 entries from five schools. The winners of the 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest were announced:

- 1st Place – Kylie Foley, Yough Glades Elementary – Advanced to the State contest
- 2nd Place – Ayla Younkin, Calvary Christian Academy
- 3rd Place – Lane Miller, Yough Glades Elementary

White oak seedlings were handed out to everyone in attendance.

5. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following recommendation:

RFP #24-0213 – Preliminary & Environmental Reports Gorman Water System Evaluation

Three (3) RFP packets were received: Goerge, Mills & Buhr, LLC (\$110,000.00), Sand Flat Engineering (\$33,800.00) and New River Engineers (\$36,500.00).

Based on the overall evaluation summary, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the contract for preparation of Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Reports for the Gorman Water System Evaluation to Sand Flat Engineering for \$33,800.00.

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 RFP Award as recommended.

6. **RESOLUTION & CONTRACT OF SALE: Resolution 2024 - 3**

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the purchase of 13.132 acres of property (Hershberger Property) adjacent to the Northern Garrett Industrial Park, between Sandra Sue Crossland, Nancy J. Grew, and John Douglas Hershberger and the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, for \$262,640 (\$20,000 per acre).

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

8. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Garrett County Courthouse beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Garrett County Sheriff's Department and the Garrett County State's Attorney's Office Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentations would follow the Public Meeting on this date.

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 4:14 P.M.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS presented to the Board of County Commissioners on this date:

- ❖ Garrett County Sheriff's Department
- ❖ Garrett County State's Attorney's Office

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners