

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 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

- ❖ Request for Training Funds – Volunteer Firefighters
Request from Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Response Training, a hands-on training program for safely handling alternative fueled vehicles. Training class is for 50 participants. Program cost is \$8,750 and \$200 for lunch.

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 funding of the training program.
- ❖ Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Statement Fund Balances Summary – Carryover Approval
Scott Weeks, Director of Financial Services presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financial Statement Fund Balance and requested approval of the fund balance assignments giving him the authorization to amend budgets and transfer funds where necessary.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, authorized the transfer of funds between accounts.
- ❖ 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 3:58 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Pastor Kroll

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated one addition to the Public Meeting Agenda. The Board of County Commissioners will be recognizing the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Garrett County by Proclamation. 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 16, 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 and Executive Minutes of April 1, 2024.
3. **PROCLAMATIONS:** National Day of Prayer – May 2, 2024
Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2024
National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week – April 14-20, 2024

4. **RECOGNITION:** Rush Services – 40th Anniversary

5. **2024 Garrett County Tax Sale Date & Time – Resolution 2024 – 4**

In accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland - Tax Property - § 14-808, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners set the date and time of the County tax sale to be held as an online auction at <https://garrett.marylandtaxsale.com>. The online auction will begin on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 10 a.m. and close on Friday, May 24, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tax auction details can be found on the Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Tax Collection website.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adopted Resolution # 2024 - 4.

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

BID #24-0328 – Garrett County Community Action Roof Replacement

Three (3) Bid packets were received: Tri-State Roofing & Sheet Metal (\$67,180.00), Construction Insight, LLC (\$94,436.00) and Ruff Roofers (\$191,569.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works - Facilities & Maintenance Division, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Tri-State Roofing & Sheet Metal Company of MD for \$67,180.00.

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 Bid Award as recommended.

7. Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Applicants for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funded projects made presentations to the Board. The projects will be ranked and submitted to ARC for consideration of funding.

The following six (6) projects were presented for the Appalachian Regional Commission Fiscal Year 2025 Project Requests:

1. Operating Room Equipment Purchase - \$250,000
2. Oakland Water System Improvements - \$483,000
3. Radiologic Technology Program - \$45,000
4. Northern & Southern Garrett High School Multi-Passenger Vehicle Apprenticeship Transportation - \$100,000
5. Strengthening Deep Creek: Watershed Stewardship for Sustainable Development - \$150,000
6. Affordable Housing – Springs Road - \$300,000

8. **Local Scenic & Wild Rivers Advisory Board**

Donald Sebold, Chair of the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board addressed the Board of County Commissioners and spoke on the history and importance of the Advisory Board. Mr. Sebold requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider replacing the two (2) vacant seats on the Advisory Board.

Chairman Edwards provided an overview of the creation of the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board and stated that the Board of County Commissioners will maintain the Advisory Board. While the County Commissioners respect decisions that the Advisory Board makes, it is the responsibility of the Advisory Board to keep themselves informed on issues and to advise the Board of County Commissioners as needed.

Chairman Edwards presented two (2) individuals to fill the two (2) vacant seats on the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board. Nevin Sines (representing Garrett County Soil Conservation) and Larry Shue (property owner as the At-Large Member).

9. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Youghiogheny River Advisory Board: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed the following individuals:

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Larry Shue	At-Large-Member – Fulfilling the unexpired term of Jeff McCauley
Nevin Sines	Soil Conservation District – Fulfilling the unexpired term of Willie Lantz

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

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** A citizen thanked the Board of County Commissioners for making appointments to the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board and stated how important it is to follow the Management Plan.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at the Garrett County Courthouse beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Garrett College, Garrett County Health Department, and the Garrett County Board of Education’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentations will 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 5:00 P.M.

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

- ❖ Garrett College
- ❖ Garrett County Health Department
- ❖ Garrett County Board of Education

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners