

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, May 6, 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

- ❖ **BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Garrett County Ethics Commission and Region I Emergency Medical Services**
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:

Garrett County Ethics Commission – 5 Year Terms

Reappointments

Patricia Manown Mash
R. Lamont Pagenhardt

Region I Emergency Medical Services – 3 Year Terms

Appointment

Derek Crippen
Lori Peck

Representing

Garrett County Emergency Management - Fulfilling unexpired term of Wayne Tiemersma
Garrett County Health Department - Fulfilling unexpired term of Diane Lee

- ❖ 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 4:02 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 May 6, 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 April 16, 2024.
3. **PROCLAMATIONS:** EMS Week – May 19 – 25, 2024
Children’s Mental Health Acceptance Week – May 5-11, 2024
Mental Health Acceptance Month - May 2024

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners, 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 4:11 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) – Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Applications and Updates.

The Board of County Commissioners conducted this Public Hearing to obtain the views of citizens on community development, economic development, housing, and homeless assistance, and to offer citizens the opportunity to hear and review plans for applications which Garrett County proposes to submit to CDBG. Up to \$800,000 may be requested for funding. Applications are due to DHCD by June 11, 2024.

The Maryland Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally sponsored program designed to assist units of general local governments with activities directed toward neighborhood and housing revitalization, economic development, improved community facilities and services, and homeless initiatives.

Updates to the following 5-year plans were discussed:

- Citizen Participation Plan
- Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

Updates to the following previously funded projects were discussed:

- Pathway to Homeownership Program
- Meadows Housing Project
- Trout Run Conveyance
- Homeless Assistance Revolving Loan Fund

Comments will be accepted through May 31, 2024 via email at gcomments@garrettcounty.org. All comments will be made part of the record. Over Eight Million (\$8,165,077) in CDBG funding is available to be awarded statewide. Future application drafts and updated plans are available for public review Friday, May 21, 2024 through Friday, May 31, 2024.

There were no public comments.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Public Meeting at 4:16 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, May 21, 2024, at the Garrett County Courthouse beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentations from the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, and the Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. will follow the Public Meeting on this date.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:18 P.M.

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

- ❖ Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County
- ❖ Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners