

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 3, 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

- ❖ 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 4:00 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 Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for June 3, 2024.
2. 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 Minutes of May 21, 2024.
3. **RECOGNITION:** Backbone Farm – 25th Anniversary
4. **Garrett County Government – Fiscal Year 2025 Operating & Capital Budget.**

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates by Resolution 2024 – 5. (attached)

No public comments were received on the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating & Capital Budget.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and adopted the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution 2024 - 5.
5. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division presented the following recommendations:

BID AWARDS

Bid #24-0411 – Culvert Pipe

Five (5) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Core & Main, LP; Chemung Supply Corporation, Garrett Industrial Supply, Cox Piping Supply, and Geo Ternent Sons.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Core and Main LP (galvanized and aluminized pipe) and Chemung Supply Corporation (polyethylene pipe).

Specifics of the award for type of product and vendor are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Bid #24-0425S – Crushed Stone Aggregates

Five (5) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Maryland Minerals, Keystone Lime Company, Inc. – Eichorn Quarry, Keystone Lime Company, Inc. – Cranesville Quarry, Allegany Aggregates, Inc., and Fairfax Concrete Products.

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Solid Waste & Recycling Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Maryland Minerals, Keystone Lime Company, Inc.- Cranesville Quarry, Keystone Lime Company – Eichorn Quarry, Allegany Aggregates, Inc., and Fairfax Concrete Products.

Specifics of the award for type of product and vendor are on file with the Purchasing Department.

Bid #24-0418 – Custodial Cleaning Services

Two (2) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Appalachian Crossroads and EcoBrite Services, LLC.

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 Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Appalachian Crossroads (locations: Oakland Garage, Garrett County Landfill Offices, and Garrett County Emergency Operation Center) and EcoBrite Services, LLC (locations: Accident Garage, Grantsville Garage, Public Service Center, Roger Glotfelty Building, and Public Utilities Maintenance Warehouse).

Bid #24-0516 – Bridge No. G-0014 Snowy Creek over Snowy Creek

One (1) Bid response was received for this Bid: Charles J. Merlo, Inc. (\$1,733,000.00)

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on the feedback from the Department of Public Works – Roads Division, the Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended awarding the Bid to Charles J. Merlo, Inc. for \$1,733,000.00. Budget for the project is \$1,855,516.67.

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 Awards as recommended.

BID REJECTIONS

Bid #24-0314 – Garrett County Health Center Painting and Siding Repair

Two (2) Bid responses were received for this Bid: Colossal Contractors, Inc. (\$98,580.00) and E.A.R.N. Contractors, Inc. (\$139,800.00).

The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended rejecting all Bids received for this project. This project will be rebid in the future after additional research and revising the project scope of work.

Bid #24-0509 – Excess Real Property for Sale – Adventure Sports Center International Properties

One (1) Bid response was received for this Bid: Everbright Pacific, LLC dba WISP Resort.

The Garrett County Purchasing Department recommended rejecting the single bid received due to the conditional requirements of the Bid.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, rejected both the Garrett County

Health Center Painting & Siding Repair and the Excess Real Property for Sale – Adventure Sports Center International Properties bids as recommended.

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 4:19 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Garrett County Agricultural Land Preservation District Applications

Upon the recommendation from the Garrett County Agricultural Land Advisory Board and the Garrett County Planning Commission, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to review the following two (2) applicants who requested that their land be established as a Garrett County Agricultural Preservation District:

Applicants:

Chester & Tricia Yoder - 172.25 Acres – Harmon Road
Gregar Crawford – 145.66 Acres – Landon’s Dam Road

No public comments were received.

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 4:21 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, approved each request for their land to be accepted into the Garrett County Agricultural Preservation District. The Garrett County Department of Planning & Land Management will finalize each application and ensure the recording of the Garrett County Agricultural Land Preservation District Agreements for each individual.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT:

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at the Kitzmiller Town Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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 4:23 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Resolution 2024 – 5

Garrett County Government

FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2025 TAX RATES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County must adopt a budget by June 30, 2024 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services Director, at the request of the Board held budget hearings with all County Departments and the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to review their request and develop a balanced Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Board's review and approval.

WHEREAS, the Board held a public preliminary budget hearing on May 21, 2024, and sought additional public input; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY ADOPTS:

Constant Yield

In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.9462 county-wide, excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park. The County will not maintain the constant yield tax rate and will keep the property tax rate at \$1.056.

Real Property Tax

Garrett County shall set the Real Property tax rate to \$1.056 per \$100 of assessment county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park and \$0.9967 per \$100 of assessment for Mountain Lake Park.

Public Utilities Tax

Garrett County shall set the Public Utilities tax rate to \$2.64 per \$100 of assessment county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park and \$2.4918 per \$100 of assessment for Mountain Lake Park.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Operating and Capital Budget – \$110,056,529.

Ad Valorem Tax

The Ad Valorem Tax for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. Shall be:

<u>District</u>	
Bloomington Sanitary District	\$0.14
Chestnut Ridge Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.17
Deep Creek Lake Water Sanitary District	\$0.10
Deep Creek Lake Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.06
Deer Park Water Sanitary District	\$0.15
Deer Park Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.10
Friendsville Sanitary District	\$0.05
Jennings Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.05
Keyser's Ridge Water Sanitary District	\$0.06
Meadow Mountain Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.05
Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Water Sanitary District	\$0.04
Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.03

Adopted on the 3rd day of June 2024, Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County.

PAUL C. EDWARDS
Chairman

RYAN S. SAVAGE
Commissioner

S. LARRY TICHNELL
Commissioner

Witness:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator