

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, June 24, 2024
Held at Kitzmiller Town Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 6:30 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Edwards was out of town and could not attend the public meeting. Commissioner Tichnell thanked Mayor Reckart for hosting the meeting. Mayor Reckart thanked the Board of County Commissioners for the assistance it has provided to the Town of Kitzmiller.

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 and carried by Commissioner Tichnell, approved the Public Meeting Agenda for June 24, 2024.
2. The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Tichnell, approved the Public Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2024.
3. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**
The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Tichnell, appointed the following individuals:

Garrett County Commission for Women – Three (3) Year Terms:

Appointments

Elizabeth Ware
Anna Fratz-Orr

Garrett County Health Planning Council – Three (3) Year Term:

Appointment

Shanna Humphrey

Garrett County Law Enforcement Officers Pension System Board of Directors – Three (3) Year Term:

Reappointment

Mark Pfaff

Garrett County Social Services Advisory Board – Two (2) Year Terms:

Reappointments

Reanna Miller
Mary VanSickle

Appointments

Samuel Grant – Fulfilling the unexpired term of John Frank

Official letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of the appointment.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** A number of citizens voiced their concerns about the smell of the water in the Town of Kitzmiller. The smell is so bad for some that they cannot use the water to shower, or wash dishes.

Commissioner Tichnell recognized the problem and provided a timeline of actions the Department of Public Works – Utilities Division has taken. At this time, the cause of the odor is unknown. Several citizens suggested that the water issues could be related to the construction of the solar project at the top of the mountain.

Mr. Null addressed concerns about lack of communication and committed to keeping the residents informed and will provide information as soon as possible. The County will contact the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and also look at the hydrology of the well water. When the information is available, the County will send an update to the residents.

A copy of the most recent water sampling will be emailed to though who requested a copy.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded and carried by Commissioner Tichnell, adjourned the Public Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners