

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 2, 2025

Meeting was also Live Streamed at <http://www.garrettcounty.md.gov/live>

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 Planning Commission – The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed the following individuals to the Garrett County Planning Commission:

Appointments:

Bruce Swift – fulfilling the unexpired term of William Weissgerber – Term expires 02.23.26

Terah Crawford – fulfilling the unexpired term of Bruce Swift as First Alternate – Term expires 12.03.27

Reappointment:

Tim Schwinabart – Five (5) Year Term – 04.09.30

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

- ❖ **Review and Approval – Fiscal Year 2025 Garrett County Government Budget Amendments**
Garrett County Department of Financial Services Director, Scott Weeks, reviewed a request for Fiscal Year 2025 budget amendments. The Fiscal Year 2024 audited fund balance assignments and carryovers were reviewed and approved to amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimously by Chairman Edwards, approved the Budget Amendments.

- ❖ 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 there were no additions or deletions to the Public Meeting. 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 June 2, 2025.
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 May 20, 2025.

The Board of County Commissioners recognized the graduates of Northern Garrett and Southern Garrett High Schools.

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Garrett County Postal Workers – 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Postal Services. James Everhart, Oakland Post Office Postmaster accepted the Proclamation.

4. **Garrett County Government – Fiscal Year 2026 Operating & Capital Budget.**

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates by Resolution 2025 – 6. (attached)

No public comments were received on the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating & Capital Budget.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved and adopted the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution 2025 - 6. The Board thanked the Department of Financial Services and department directors for their work on the budget.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- ❖ Question – *What changed in the budget that enabled the Board of County Commissioners to provide a property tax rate cut?* Based on the County’s forecast model it was anticipated that property assessments would remain stable or decline slightly; instead, there was a slight increase. The County also anticipated income tax revenues to return to near pre-COVID levels, yet we continue to see an uptick in income tax receipts.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grantsville Town Hall.

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 4:20 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners