

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, July 7, 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:

Upper Potomac River Commission - Six (6) Year Term

Reappointment of Wendell Beitzel as the representative for Garrett County.

Garrett County Licensing & Enforcement Board of Appeals - Three (3) Year Term

Appointment:

David Savage – Local TVRU Owner

Reappointments:

Dan Duggan – Law Enforcement Representative

Andrew Eiswert – Realtor Representative

Jeff Gosnell – Local Resident Representative

Samuel Ingram – Local Resident Representative

Garrett County Law Enforcement Officers Pension System Board of Directors – Two (2) Year Term –

Reappointment of Major Colt Ruby. This appointment was the result of a general election held among the Garrett County Sheriff Department employees.

Garrett County Health Planning Council – Two (2) Year Terms

Appointments:

Thomas Dabney

Ashley Gilcher

Judy Carbone

Garrett County Local Management Board – Three (3) Year Term

Reappointment of Heather Hanline.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved all the appointments. Official letters will be sent to all appointees under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of appointment.

❖ REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION – Community Action Committee

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved a real property exemption for Fiscal Year 2026 for the following properties owned by Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc:

- 41 High View Drive, Oakland, MD - Overlook Early Child Education Center
- 360 West Liberty St, Oakland, MD – Nonprofit Center
- 225 Frances Sanders Lane, Oakland, MD - Transit Maintenance Facility

Total Abatement requested is \$36,619.02.

- ❖ **Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space Project Requests** – Siera Wigfield, Senior Planner, Garrett County Department of Community Development & Planning – Planning & Land Management Division, presented requests for Fiscal Year 2026 Program Open Space Funding. Four (4) development projects were submitted from two (2) municipalities, one (1) Local sponsor, and one (1) Garrett County Government organization totaling \$146,379.00.

Program Open Space funding available for Fiscal Year 2026 totaled \$146,379.00.

The Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the following projects:

1. Piney Reservoir	Accessible Overlook & Picnic Area	\$ 7,920.00
2. McHenry Park	Pavilion Pad & Trail Enhancements	\$42,300.00
3. Broadford Lake Recreation Park	Broadford Park Improvements	\$49,359.00
4. Garrett College McHenry Campus	Arts & Athletics Community Space Upgrades	\$46,800.00

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 Program Open Space Project funding.

- ❖ 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 was one addition to the Public Meeting. Resolution for USDA Authorizing Funding from Congressionally Authorized Community Funding. 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 July 7, 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 June 16, 2025.
3. **RECOGNITION:** Maryland Bass Nation Junior State Fishing Tournament Championship – Garrett Bass Slayers.
4. **RESOLUTION:** A Resolution for USDA authorizing grant funding of \$525,000.00 for the purchase of a vacuum truck for the Garrett County Department of Public Works – Utilities Division. This grant requires a county match of \$196,824.00 which has been funded.

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 Resolution.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Crellin Community Center.

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 4:08 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners