

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 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 Appointment:** Deep Creek Watershed Board of Zoning Appeals – Appointment of Jay Ferguson to the Deep Creek Watershed Board of Zoning Appeals for a three (3) year term that will expire on October 26, 2028.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Mr. Ferguson's appointment.

An official letter of appointment will be sent to Mr. Ferguson under the signature of Chairman Edwards.
- ❖ Garrett Forward, presented a summary of their Community Survey – Working Family Priorities for Social Safety Net Programs provided by the Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. This survey highlights the potential federal/state budget cuts and the impact on the citizens of the County.
- ❖ Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, the Board of County Commissioners closed the Administrative Session and met in Executive Session under General Provisions Article 3-305(b) of the Maryland Open Meetings Law on this date at 3:45 PM to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

The Executive Session ended at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 4:05 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mr. Null indicated there was no addition or deletion 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 October 21, 2025.
2. Chairman Edwards announced that the Board of County Commissioners met in Executive Session just prior to this meeting under General Provisions Article 3-305(b) of the Maryland Open Meetings Law to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.

3. 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 October 06, 2025.
4. PROCLAMATIONS:
 - ❖ Economic Development Week – October 20 – 24, 2025
 - ❖ I Can Swim Month – October 2025

5. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following recommendations:

Bid #25-0917 – Culvert Pipe

Three (3) Bids were received: Cox Piping Supply, Chemung Supply Corporation, and Ferguson Supply.

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 Division recommended awarding the following:

Polyethylene Pipe: Cox Piping Co. Inc.
Galvanized Pipe: Chemung Supply Corporation

This award is for a one-time purchase of culvert pipe. Sizes, quantities, and type were specified for all three roads divisions. Specifics of the award for type of product and vendor are on file with the Purchasing Division.

Bid #25-25-0923 – Shallmar Landslide Phase II Project

Four (4) responses were received for this Bid: BYCO Enterprises, Inc. (\$827,416.00), First Fruits Excavating, Inc. (\$604,090.00), Excavating Associates, Inc. (\$684,317.00), and Triton Construction, Inc. (\$813,000.00).

After reviewing the Bids for compliance with administrative requirements and based on feedback received from the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Purchasing Division recommended awarding the contract to First Fruits Excavating, Inc. for \$604,090.00.

Funding for this project in the amount of \$700,000 is available through a Memorandum of Agreement between Garrett County Government and the Maryland Department of the Environment Land and Materials Administration Mining Program – Abandoned Mine Land Division.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Tichnell, which was seconded by Commissioner Savage, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Bid Awards **Bid #25-0917 – Culvert Pipe** and **Bid #25-25-0923 – Shallmar Landslide Phase II Project** as recommended.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Garrett Forward thanked the Board of County Commissioners for the opportunity to present the result of the survey they recently conducted.
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

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 4:25 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners