

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2026

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Paul C. Edwards
Commissioner Ryan S. Savage
Commissioner S. Larry Tichnell

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

- ❖ Scott Weeks, Director, Garrett County Department of Financial Services, reviewed a proposed Amendment to the Garrett County Government Retirement Plans. This Amendment would clarify the rules when an employee moves from one plan to another. The Amendment to the Plans has been approved by the Trustees of the Garrett County Employees Retirement Plan and the Garrett County Law Enforcement Plan.

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 Plan Amendments.

- ❖ **Board Appointments/Reappointments** - The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed/reappointed the following individuals:

- **Region I Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council** – 3-Year Terms.

Reappointments

Justin Orendorf

Doug Beitzel

Appointment

Steve Smith

- **Garrett County Department of Social Services Advisory Board**

Appointment

Michelle Dixon – fulfilling the unexpired term of Brian Bailey (June 30, 2027)

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

- ❖ Mr. Vince DeMarco, President, Maryland Health Care for All, and Dr. Andrew York, Executive Director, Prescription Drug Affordability Board, provided an overview of goals of the Board and will present a presentation during the Public Meeting on this date.
- ❖ Mr. Null reviewed a number of administrative and managerial matters under his authority and jurisdiction with the Board of County Commissioners.

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC SESSION at 4:05 PM

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Invocation by Commissioner Tichnell

PUBLIC SESSION

1. 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 February 2, 2026.
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 January 5, 2026.

3. Angie Pase, Development Director, Tucker Community Foundation, presented a briefing on the annual “Run For It” 2K walk and 5K run event. The event provides nonprofits with an opportunity to increase awareness and support for their respective organizations.

In 2025, five (5) teams with 126 racers from Garrett County participated in this event. The Board of Garrett County Commissioners contributed \$2,000.00 which generated \$91,401 for nonprofit, civic, and charitable organizations in Garrett County.

Since 2014 Garrett County’s total investment of \$19,000.00 has returned \$377,947.00 in grant funding to County non-profits including \$18,500 in scholarships. Ms. Pase asked the Board of County Commissioners to consider contributing \$2,000 again in Fiscal Year 2027 for this worthy cause.

4. **RESOLUTION 2026 - 1:** Sale of 3.03 acres in the McHenry Business Park to Prime Vacation Rentals, LLC for the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) per acre.

The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, approved Resolution 2026 – 1.

5. **Maryland Prescription Drug Plan** - Vincent DeMarco, President, Health Care For All and Dr. Andrew York, Executive Director, Prescription Drug Affordability Board, presented the Board of County Commissioners with an overview and goals of the Maryland Prescription Drug Plan and how this could benefit the citizens of Garrett County by helping manage medical costs.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 4:23 P.M.

Attest:

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

By Order of the Board,

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners