

# BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## PUBLIC MEETING

### Tuesday, February 17, 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

❖ **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:

- **Garrett County Mental Health Advisory Committee**  
Appointment: Bevia Hensley – Fulfilling the unexpired term of Area on Aging Representative Shanna Humphrey who resigned. (June 30, 2026).
- **Garrett County Planning Commission** – Five (5) Year Terms  
Reappointments:  
Tony Doerr  
Bruce Swift  
Jeff Messenger

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

❖ 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 4:00 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 17, 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 February 2, 2026.
3. **Oakland to Herrington Manor State Park Trail Feasibility Study** – Siera Wigfield, GIS Specialist, Garrett County Department of Community Development – Planning Land Management Division presented the Board of County Commissioners with an update on the Oakland to Herrington Manor State Park Trail Feasibility Study.
4. **Order:** Road Closing Request – Portion of Betts Lane.

At the request of Eric and Courtney Levenson, through their attorney, petitioned the Board of County Commissioners to close a section of Betts Lane that contains a right-of-way easement on their property. The request to close this section of Betts Lane was duly advertised and no public comments were received.

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 request to close and abandon the requested portion of Betts Lane.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Steve Sisler offered a 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial commemorative flag to fly at the Garrett County Courthouse. The Board of County Commissioners thanked Mr. Sisler and accepted the flag.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 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 4:18 P.M.

**Attest:**

**By Order of the Board,**

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**KEVIN G. NULL**  
County Administrator

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**PAUL C. EDWARDS**, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners