

BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 1, 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

- ❖ 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 June 1, 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 May 19, 2026.
3. The Garrett County Department of Financial Services - Purchasing Division presented the following two bid recommendations:

Bid #26-0519LA – Liquid Asphalt

Three (3) Bids were received for this Bid: Russell Standard (\$2.647/gallon), Specialty Emulsions (\$3.21 – \$3.28/gallon, and Midland Asphalt (\$2.20/gallon).

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 Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Midland Asphalt for unit price of \$2.20/gallon.

Bid #26-0519 – Motor Oil & Grease

One (1) Bid was received for this Bid: Oakland Oil & Propane.

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 Department of Financial Services – Purchasing Division recommended awarding the Bid to Oakland Oil & Propane. Specifics of the award for types of product and brand names are on file with the Purchasing Division.

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 Bid Awards as recommended.

4. **Tri-County Council for Western Maryland** – Elizabeth Stahlman, Executive Director of Tri-County Council for Western Maryland (TCC) provided the Board of County Commissioners with an update and the annual report.

5. **Garrett County Government – Fiscal Year 2027 Operating & Capital Budget.**

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Garrett County Government Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and Capital Budget and all applicable tax rates by Resolution 2026 – 8. (attached)

No public comments were received on the Fiscal Year 2027 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 2027 Operating and Capital Budget by Resolution 2026 - 8. The Board thanked the Department of Financial Services and department directors for their work on the budget.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, adjourned the Public Meeting at 4:09 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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Resolution 2026 – 8**Garrett County Government****FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2027 TAX RATES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County must adopt a budget by June 30, 2026 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Garrett County Department of Financial Services Director, Scott Weeks, at the request of the Board of County Commissioners, held budget hearings with all County Departments and the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County to review their requests and develop a balanced Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Board's review and approval.

WHEREAS, the Board held a public preliminary budget hearing on May 19, 2026, and sought additional public input; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY ADOPTS:

Real Property Tax

Garrett County shall **reduce** the Real Property tax rate and shall set the tax rate to \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park which shall be \$0.9476 per \$100 of assessed value.

Public Utilities Tax

Garrett County shall set the Public Utilities tax rate to \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed value county-wide excluding the municipality of Mountain Lake Park which shall be \$2.369 per \$100 of assessed value.

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

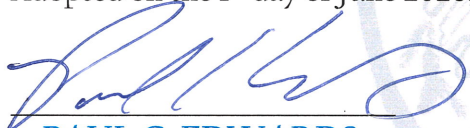
Operating and Capital Budget – \$123,128,676.

Ad Valorem Tax

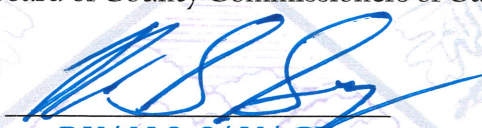
The Ad Valorem Tax for the Garrett County Sanitary District, Inc. Shall be:

<u>District</u>	
Bloomington Sanitary District	\$0.13
Chestnut Ridge Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.16
Deep Creek Lake Water Sanitary District	\$0.10
Deep Creek Lake Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.05
Deer Park Water Sanitary District	\$0.15
Deer Park Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.09
Friendsville Sanitary District	\$0.04
Jennings Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.05
Keyser's Ridge Water Sanitary District	\$0.06
Meadow Mountain Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.04
Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Water Sanitary District	\$0.04
Mountain Lake Park – Loch Lynn Sewer Sanitary District	\$0.03

Adopted on the 1st day of June 2026, Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County, Maryland.



PAUL C. EDWARDS
 Chairman



RYAN S. SAVAGE
 Commissioner



S. LARRY TICHNELL
 Commissioner

Witness: 

KEVIN G. NULL
 County Administrator