



Garrett County Government Department of Community Development  
**Planning & Land Management Division**

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## **Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes January 7, 2026**

1. **Call to Order**- Tony Doerr called the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission to order at 1:30 pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.
2. **Attendance**- Planning Commission members: Tony Doerr, Tim Schwinabart, Liz Georg, Bruce Swift, Jeff Messenger, Terah Crawford and Larry Tichnell. Planning staff: Chad Fike.
3. **Approval of Minutes**- The previous meeting minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Reports, Updates and Announcements**- None
5. **Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Cases:**
  - None
6. **Subdivisions:**
  - **Spiker Waiver Request.** The heirs of Ralph & Ruth Spiker requested a waiver from the minimum existing private road width of 12' to allow access using an 11' wide section of Kate's Mountain Road. The subject properties are located on Map 41, Parcels 9, 100 and 108. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the request.
7. **Adjournment** – Chairman Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 1:36 pm.

**Minutes submitted by Chad Fike, Assistant Director**