

**BOARD OF GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING**

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Held at Avilton Community Center

IN ATTENDANCE

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

County Administrator Kevin G. Null

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC SESSION at 6:00 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 Agenda. 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 Agenda for August 20, 2024.
2. 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 Minutes of August 5, 2024.
3. **RECOGNITION:** Deep Creek Lake Art, Wine, & Spirits Festival – 20th Anniversary. The Board of County Commissioners recognized HART for Animals on its 20th Anniversary of the Deep Creek Lake Art, Wine, and Spirits Festival. This festival not only supports HART but has become a destination for visitors.
4. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Drug Free Communities Coalition - Four (4) Year Terms
The Board of County Commissioners, on a motion by Commissioner Savage, which was seconded by Commissioner Tichnell, and made unanimous by Chairman Edwards, appointed the following individuals:

Appointments

Jamie Bell
Sean Miller
Shannon Thomas

Official letters will be sent to each appointee under the signature of Chairman Edwards outlining the terms of the appointment.

5. **INTRODUCTION:** Delegate Carl Anderton, Director of the Maryland Rural Economic Strategy. Mr. Anderton will serve as the Department’s principal advisor on rural economic development and policies on expanding economic opportunities and business growth in rural communities with a focus on Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and the Eastern Shore.
6. **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS:**
The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on August 5, 2024 to receive public commentary on the following Ordinances. The record was held open for two (2) weeks and based on public comments the adoption of the ordinance(s) will be postponed to take all comments into consideration.

Building Code Ordinance – adopting and implementing the 2021 International Building Code, Residential Code and Energy Conservation Code. Ordinance would require engineered, stamp building plans with specific criteria to approve other plans.

Mechanical Code Ordinance – adopting The International Mechanical Code 2018 published by the International Code Council. Ordinance would require permits for HVAC work.

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on August 5, 2024 to receive public commentary on the following Ordinance. The record was held open for two (2) weeks and no public comments were received

Community Reinvestment & Repair Fund Ordinance – adopting and implementing Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund for Garrett County, Maryland

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 Community Reinvestment & Repair Fund Ordinance as presented.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The Board of Garrett County Commissioners announced that the next Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Garrett County Courthouse.
- ❖ Public Comments – Resident of Kamp Hill Drive, a private road, expressed concern with traffic that is traveling on the road to access a business. The traffic not only creates dust but is often speeding.

Response: As a private road, County government has no jurisdiction. There are specific requirements to bring a road into the county system. The Board of County Commissioners will check with the Sheriff's Department concerning the speeding on Avilton Road.

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 6:28 P.M.

Attest:

By Order of the Board,

KEVIN G. NULL
County Administrator

PAUL C. EDWARDS, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners