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Board of Garrett County Commissioners Fiscal Year 2020 Budget April 1, 2019 Open Session Summary

April 3, 2019, Oakland, MD – The Fiscal Year 2020 Garrett County Government Budget will be prepared with an emphasis on sound fiscal management, relationship building and timely decision making. Emphasis is on long-term financial planning with revenue projections for the next five (5) years.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold public work sessions where county-supported organizations, outside funded agencies, and county departments will have an opportunity to present each of the budget requests directly to the Board.

Monday, April 1 session was held immediately following the public meeting at the Garrett County Courthouse

- Thomas Vose presented the Ruth Enlow Library operating budget request.
 - Mr. Vose highlighted increases in minimum wage and increases for the health care plan as the biggest impact to the request.
- Dr. Rich Midcap and Randall Bittinger presented the Garrett College operating budget request.
 - Dr. Midcap highlighted budget priorities as a request for CEPAC capital funding, a supplement to previous overages of the County Scholarship Program, and a few one-time capital requests to support residence halls and sports programming.
- Steve Fratz presented the Garrett County Board of Elections operating budget request
 - Mr. Fratz shared potential challenges (and budget increases) considering the State Board of Elections may be implementing same-day voter registration at each polling place in the state.

Upcoming work sessions are:

- Monday, April 8 at 4:00pm at the Garrett County Courthouse
 - GCPS Superintendent's Proposed FY 2020 Budget Presentation
- Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30pm at the Garrett County Courthouse
 - Garrett County Health Department
 - County Departments
- Tuesday, May 21 at 5:00pm at Garrett College
 - Public Presentation of FY 2020 Budget

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget is scheduled to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the Public Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2019.

The current Board of County Commissioners is proud of the sound fiscal and strategic decisions made to this point and are thankful for the dedicated employees who continue to provide outstanding services to the citizens of Garrett County.

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About Garrett County Government: The County is governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"), whose three members serve four-year terms and must live in the District which they represent. The Board may exercise only such powers as are conferred by the General Assembly of Maryland. The County is administered under a line organizational method, with the County Administrator responsible for overseeing the financial planning, annual budget process, personnel management, and direction and management of operations within the organization.