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*Carroll County Commissioners*

# Governing PRINCIPLES



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## The Carroll County Commissioners

### TEN GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

**1. Smaller, Constitutional Government:** As a matter of principle, this Board of County Commissioners believes our citizens want smaller, less intrusive government; will restructure it accordingly, and encourage private sector solutions and/or partnerships to fulfill community needs whenever possible.

**2. Mandates:** This Board of County Commissioners will work with our State Delegations and the local municipalities to resist unfunded mandates; excessive regulation; and the passing on of additional expenses from the federal or state government.

**3. Term Limits:** This Board of County Commissioners believes it is in the best public interest to have fresh governance from time to time, and will limit board and commission members to a maximum of two consecutive terms where appropriate. Additionally, it is our intention to elect Board of Commissioner officers on an annual basis.

**4. Property Taxes:** This Board of County Commissioners believes that each dollar paid in taxes, is a dollar taken out of the budgets of Carroll families and businesses. Therefore, this board will make every effort to have the government operate in a restrained and efficient manner in order to provide citizens with the lowest tax rates possible.

**5. Economic Development:** This Board of County Commissioners will support business development consistent with the rural and suburban fabric of our communities. This Board will streamline approval processes; eliminate unnecessary regulation; and promote a business friendly climate.

**6. Affirmation of Our Values:** This Board of County Commissioners will open its meetings with prayer; a moment of silence; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**7. Protection of Individual Property Rights:** This Board believes our citizens have an unalienable right to be secure in their homes, farms and businesses; and will oppose rezoning of privately owned property against the wishes of its owner(s). Protection of property rights will be a goal of this Board in County planning and lawmaking.

**8. Capital Expenditures:** This Board will require comprehensive financial reviews on all future capital expenditures, including close scrutiny of all assumptions; rigorous life cycle cost projections; and early evaluation of feasible alternatives.

**9. Straight Talk & Citizen Participation:** This Board of County Commissioners will use plain language when conversing with constituents and staff. Rules and public notices will be written in layman's terms. This Board will reflect a strong commitment to clear communication and two-way dialogue with citizens when appropriate.

**10. Servant Leadership:** This Board of County Commissioners will lead by example, and discontinue the practice of accepting per diem payments; cars; and other such perks. We will restructure the Commissioners office appropriately as well.