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Board of County Commissioners Open Session Highlights for February 4, 2016

Westminster, Thursday, February 4, 2016 – Today's Board of County Commissioners Open Session began with the reading of a proclamation recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. In accepting the proclamation, Janice Kispert of Rape Crisis Intervention Services noted the reluctance of teens to report sexual assaults; victims may call 410-857-7322 or email info@rapecrisiscc.org to report an assault.

The Department of Aging was given approval to accept a grant to enhance outreach efforts and promote enrollment of Medicare beneficiaries into programs which may assist with premiums, co-pays, and deductible costs. These outreach efforts will also include in-service training for staff and community partners.

The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County presented highlights from their 2015 Community Needs Assessment. Data from this assessment will be used by partner agencies to inform their decision making processes. The full report is available on The Partnership's web site (<http://www.healthycarroll.org/>).

Approval was given for the Freedom Water Treatment Plant to replace the micro-filtration membrane. Commissioner Rothschild noted that the savings of \$524,000 in replacement costs and monitoring fees were realized due to the work of Jeff Castonguay, Chief of the Bureau of Utilities, working together with GE to resolve some very complex and technical issues.

The Commissioners voted to award a contract for background checks for Recreation and Parks volunteers. This will be an annual check and covers a review of both local and national databases. The background checks are funded as a line item in Recreation and Park's annual budget and through registration fees paid by program participants. Jeff Degitz, Director for Recreation and Parks, noted that background checks are required of all paid staff; the county is now extending this important safety measure to all volunteers.

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