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Board of County Commissioners Open Session Highlights from February 23, 2016

Westminster, Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – The Bureau of Housing and Community Development introduced their FY16 Housing Annual Plan. One change which has been made to the plan is to allow a pilot program that will permit between 10 and 20 of the current Section 8 vouchers to be used for homeless families being assisted through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Copies of the proposed plan are available in the Commissioners' Office at 225 North Center Street and Department of Citizen Services at 10 Distillery Lane. The plan is posted on-line on the [Bureau of Housing's web page](#).

The Commissioners also used the open session to update the public on their activities as members of various boards and commissions in the county.

Commissioner Frazier serves a liaison to the Carroll Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Frazier highlighted the benefits of Adult Education Funds, stating that the use of these funds by adult learners helps the individual to maintain independence and avoid the need for public funds from the various safety net programs. The presence of Cyber Security training was highlighted, emphasizing the need to continue to offer these valuable classes in order to remain competitive with surrounding jurisdictions.

Commissioner Weaver serves as liaison to the Veterans Advisory Council, who also met last week. The Council is tasked with ending homelessness among veterans in Carroll County. The Council supports the Veterans Shuttle program, operated through Carroll Transit Services. The shuttle is dedicated to Mike "Maddog" Sater, a local veteran who was very active in forming the Veterans Advisory Council. A logo is being approved by the family and will soon appear on the vans used to transport veterans to appointments with the VA. Information on the [Veterans Advisory Council](#) may be found on their web page.

Commissioner Wantz took the opportunity to remind the public that the county is on track with the FY17 budget process. Formal meetings on the budget will begin on Thursday, March 17, 2016 during the Board's open session starting at 10:00 am.

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