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Board of County Commissioners Highlights from Thursday, March 3, 2016

Westminster, Thursday, March 3, 2016 – Today's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners served as an information gathering session for the Board.

The Annual Consolidated Transportation Priority Letter was presented by the Department of Planning. This letter represents the county's request of transportation priorities to be included in the State's consolidated Transportation Program for FY 2107-2022. The letter includes the Route 32 project recently highlighted by the Governor.

The Board heard two requests for legislation involving potential zoning text amendments. The Commissions approved text regarding Petroleum Storage (as an Accessory Use) §158.002 and §158.070 through §158.080 be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and comment prior to the Commissioners approving the changes. The Commissioners felt that the changes proposed to Home Occupations/Accessory Uses, §158.002, required additional information before the Commissioners could forward this request to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their input. A working session will be scheduled to discuss the proposed changes.

The Board approved the FY17 Interagency Family Preservation Grant. This grant provides intervention services to families whose children are at risk for out-of-home placement. Of the families that completed the program in FY15, 94% avoided the out-of-home placement. Vincent Pacelli, Director of the Local Management Board noted, "The family is the cornerstone of society, this program helps to preserve the family unit."

The Board adopted the use of an allocation of additional state funding for the Nutritional or Health Promotion efforts at Senior Centers for the purchase of an additional treadmill for use at the centers.

Human Services Programs presented a proposal for job training services for SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) recipients who are identified as Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents. The program will work with 50 to 65 individuals who require more intensive services than are routinely provided by BERCC. This request was approved.

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A request for additional funding for the Veterans Shuttle program was presented. The number of riders has increased and the program has recently added trips to Glen Burnie in addition to Baltimore, Fort Detrick, and the Martinsburg VA. Today's presentation was for informational purposes only, approval of the funding request will be voted upon during the March 8, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Howard requested that the Board look again at Long-term Planning in the county and suggested the formation of a working group with representation by county staff and citizens. The Commissioners agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

Today's session is available by following this link [Board of Carroll County Commissioners Open Session County Office Building Rm 311 Thursday, March 3, 2016 10:00 AM](#)

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