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Carroll 2030

Westminster, Thursday, March 06, 2014 – The Carroll 2030 Task Force is made up of industry, business and community leaders brought together, by Commissioner Doug Howard, to begin the process of planning for Carroll’s future by helping to identify the long-range needs and opportunities of the community. “By planning for the year 2030, the county will be able to direct resources efficiently and cost effectively to areas where the services are needed,” said Commissioner Howard. He continued saying “that helping the county to create a long-range plan to ensure the county is prepared to continue providing excellent public safety, infrastructure and education to the citizens as the population grows and changes over the next 15 to 20 years is vital to the county’s continued prosperity.”

The members of Carroll 2030 met several times over the last year to work through an analytical process to identify some general priorities. Through this process some over-arching themes became very evident. It became clear that one of Carroll’s strengths is the community’s willingness to work together. Identifying share resource opportunities while creating partnerships and working collaboratively to exploit efficiencies to keep costs low and yet maintain excellent services is a hallmark of this effort.

The task force included representatives from Carroll Hospital Center, Carroll Chamber of Commerce, McDaniel College, agriculture, municipalities, business leaders, Public Schools, Carroll Community College, various social service agencies, Sheriff’s Office, Volunteer Emergency Services, the Arts and Transportation.

Today, Carroll 2030 presented the work done thus far and explained the steps that will be taken going forward to obtain broader community input.

Lynn Wheeler, Director, Carroll County Public Library, said “I am proud to have helped lead this effort to date and I’m looking forward to having this come to fruition through our community outreach efforts.”

Louis Toth, LT Engineer and Co-Chair of Carroll 2030, said “Business is key to the future of Carroll County; whether that business is small or large, high tech manufacturing or agriculture, planning for the future will allow Carroll to meet the needs of our business community.”

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“This has been a valuable experience and tremendous opportunity to work collaboratively with other education leaders to help identify a vision of the future of education throughout the count,” added Stephen Guthrie, Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools.

“It is my hope that over the coming months every citizen of Carroll County has an opportunity to weigh-in on this project and help create the vision and direction for Carroll County for the next 16 years,” concluded Commissioner Howard.

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