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CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE LONG TERM GOALS

Westminster, Friday, December 30, 2016 – The final decision made by the Board of County Commissioners during the last 2016 open session was to unanimously approve county-wide long-term goals. The Commissioners have been collaborating together and with department directors to identify cohesive strategic objectives deemed most important to the current and future health of Carroll County.

Twenty-two goals were identified with the commissioners' intent to use them as a guide when making future decisions. The goals cast a wide net over a variety of topics identified as vital in providing long range strategic planning. The goal topics include Aging, Veterans, Ag Preservation, Airport, Broadband, Celebrating America, Crime, Drug Abuse, Economic Development, Education, Emergency Services, Facilities, Homelessness, Master plan, Municipalities, Roads, Recreation and Entertainment, Solid Waste, Taxes, Water, Transit and Utilities. The entire set of detailed goals can be viewed [here](#).

Board of Carroll County Commissioners President Richard Weaver explains, "Clear, well-defined goals will provide direction for our staff and will become the foundation for future decisions. These goals reflect some of the challenges facing our county and make a strong statement to staff and citizens about the Board's intent regarding long range direction. We are excited to reach unanimous agreement on these goals and anticipate that this document will become the cornerstone of our future planning."

Although the Commissioners voted to approve the goals, some minor work is needed to finalize the wording for each individual goal. Final versions of the Commissioners' Goals and next steps will be released to the public when complete.

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CARROLL COUNTY

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November 1, 2016
County Commissioners Goals

Goals

Aging

Comprehensive set of services based on Aging in place, with emphasis on greater volunteerism

Veteran

Make Carroll County Veteran Friendly

Ag Pres

Continue Carroll County efforts to reach 100,000 acres

Airport

Keep the Enterprise Funds as self-sustaining while maintaining safe operations

Broadband

Increase the availability of broadband services to cover all of Carroll County

Celebrating America

Celebrating America in our government in our communities and in our schools

Crime

Keep Carroll County the lowest crime rate in the State

Drug Abuse

Aggressively attack drug abuse through education, treatment and enforcement

Economic Development

Positive economic impact that justifies the investment

Education

Maintaining a top quality education system that properly prepares our students to be successful citizens and reflects the values of our community

Emergency Services

Maintain a volunteer system with a combination of paid force while maintaining performance standards

Facilities

Make the most effective use of existing buildings and repurpose facilities that may become available

Homelessness

Minimize the impact of Homelessness on Carroll County

Master Plan

Develop and implement master plans that are consistent with “Keep Carroll Carroll”

Municipalities

Support and encourage vibrant municipalities and main street communities

Roads

Maintain all roads to reach optimal lifespan while maintaining safe conditions

Recreation and Entertainment

Support and encourage a broad array of entertainment and recreational activities

Solid Waste

Solid Waste Enterprise fund to be self-sufficient in 6 years while maintaining landfill life for 100 years

Taxes

Minimize the tax burdens of the citizens while meeting the needs of the community.

Water – Storm water

Work to reduce County costs due to State mandates

Transit

Develop more comprehensive transit system within Carroll County in a more cost effective way

Utilities

Increase water and sewer capacity with a self-sustaining Enterprise fund