



Board of Carroll County Commissioners

County Office Building
Westminster, MD 21157
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Open Session

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Thursday, January 24, 2019

1:00 PM

County Office Building Rm 311

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephen Wantz	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	President	Present	
Ed Rothstein	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Vice-President	Present	
Richard Weaver	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	2nd Vice-President	Present	
Dennis Frazier	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	
Eric Bouchat	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	

II. County Transportation Priorities

The Carroll County Department of Planning annually submits a letter in April to the Maryland Department of Transportation listing the key County transportation priorities for inclusion into the State's Consolidated Transportation Program for FY 2020-2025. These projects include capacity enhancing infrastructure, main street revitalization, bicycle and pedestrian trails and County transit needs.

Letter preparation is underway and will be presented to the Board with these priorities for discussion and decision.

III. Briefing/Discussion/Possible Decision Feasibility Study for North Carroll High School Property

In 2016, as a result of declining enrollments, the Carroll County Board of Education made a difficult decision to close three schools. North Carroll High School was one of the schools that closed. Since that time the school has remained mostly vacant and continues to cost the County through annual maintenance fees. The gym and fields continue to be used by the local recreation council.

Turf fields have become the norm for nearly all outdoor sports. All surrounding jurisdictions have turf fields which are used for local sports teams. Some also host tournaments and other special events which produce revenue. A turf field, with the bonus of a protective dome, would be especially attractive for growing our local-based recreational programs as well as attracting sports competitions/tournaments that would generate positive economic and fiscal impacts to the County.

- Motion To:** direct the staff to establishing this community task force from the entire county from each district to come together with staff support in developing a vision a business plan or a basic business plan and you know using the feasibility studies

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Rothstein, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Richard Weaver, 2nd Vice-President
AYES:	Wantz, Rothstein, Weaver, Frazier, Bouchat

IV. Discussion/Possible Decision County Joining Opioid Litigation

Hundreds of municipal and county governments nationwide, including numerous municipalities and nine counties in Maryland, are currently pursuing litigation against leading opioid manufacturers to recover the governments' medical, public health, and law enforcement costs related to opioid abuse. The lawsuits against manufacturers (and in some cases providers) allege that the opioid addiction crisis stems from the over-promotion, sale, and distribution of prescription opioid medications such as Oxycontin and Percocet.

Suits filed in federal court have been consolidated and assigned to a single United States District Court Judge in Ohio. Other cases have been filed in the state courts, bypassing the federal consolidated litigation. Typically, counties and cities engage outside counsel to initiate and pursue the litigation against the manufacturers and providers of the drugs. The attorneys work on a "contingent fee" basis, meaning that payment to the attorney for legal services and costs depends upon there being some sort of recovery or award in the case.

- Motion To:** that we instruct the county attorney to pursue joining ongoing litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors and bring back the information accordingly

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stephen Wantz, President
SECONDER:	Ed Rothstein, Vice-President
AYES:	Wantz, Rothstein, Weaver, Frazier, Bouchat

V. Briefing/Discussion/Decision Request Approval for Grant Application & Acceptance of Award Retrofitting Carroll County's Stormwater Facilities

The Bureau of Resource Management (BRM) is seeking \$1,325,000 from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Bay Restoration Fund Wastewater Program to fund a program of stormwater management retrofit projects to address the requirements of the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The BRM is in the planning and design stages for Brynwood, Melstone Valley, and Windsong Estates stormwater retrofit projects. These projects are located in predominantly residential areas and include over 400 acres of drainage area, including over 60 acres of impervious area that will be treated by the proposed facilities.

- Motion To:** approve the submittal of the grant application and acceptance of award to the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Bay Restoration Fund Wastewater Program.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ed Rothstein, Vice-President
SECONDER:	Eric Bouchat, Commissioner
AYES:	Wantz, Rothstein, Weaver, Frazier, Bouchat

VI. Administrative

VII. Open Work Session

A. *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program*