



Board of Carroll County Commissioners

County Office Building
Westminster, MD 21157

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Open Session

~ Minutes ~

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Tuesday, May 3, 2016

10:00 AM

County Office Building Rm 311

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephen Wantz	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	President	Present	
Richard Weaver	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Vice-President	Present	
Dennis Frazier	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Secretary	Present	
Richard Rothschild	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	
Doug Howard	Board of Carroll County Commissioners	Commissioner	Present	

II. Invocation ~ Commissioner Rothschild

III. Positively Carroll

IV. Briefing/Discussion ~ Presentation by Maryland Association of Counties with Michael Sanderson, Executive Director ~ MACo; Commissioner John Barr (Washington County) ~ MACo President

Mr. Sanderson distributed a packet of information regarding the 2016 General Assembly session events that MACo was involved in and highlighted several areas that he felt were important. He gave an update on what the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) does for member counties. MACo is the voice of county government on state policy impact on county budgets and county services.

He touched on things that MACo was involved in during the session: local towns, school construction, drug awareness, and public safety. An analysis of MACo efforts shows as high as 81% of bills they support have a higher chance of passing and the same with not supporting and the chance of failing. He stated that things look a little better fiscally this year than over the past several years. Bottom line is that the State is not in the fiscal crisis as it has been over the past several years. Highway User Funds - no change this year in the funding for transportation projects in the counties, another year of flat funding. This was the year for public safety matters: police procedures; disciplining of officers; law enforcement; training on best practices and hearing boards, sentencing Reform Justice Act (to change the way of sentencing non-violent offenders and getting them into treatment instead of overcrowding the jails which has not been helpful with recidivism - tough policy issue).

MACo was overwhelmed with issues dealing with liability this year, 10-12 different bills dealing with what circumstances citizens and organizations can sue the state government and local government, there's a long standing public policy that is called "Local Government Tort Claims Act". The counties asked to have a liability cap. Has been a tricky and high

profile fight MACo has had to deal with over the past few years. They work closely with the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) and Maryland Municipal League.

MACo looked at close to 600 bills and delivered testimony for almost 250 bills during the General Assembly Session.

V. Briefing ~ Legislative Update

Mr. Phil Hager, Director, Department of Planning and County Liaison to Annapolis gave an overview of legislation and related activities of the 2016 Legislative Session. There were 1,644 House Bills and 1,173 Senate Bills introduced for a total 2,817 Bills. In addition, there were 15 House Resolutions. This was a record year in Annapolis for submission of legislation. Mr. Hager shared with the Board testimony he presented and letters of support written on Carroll County's behalf. He also shared with the Board that he felt that having a representative in Annapolis made a difference and being there to know what was happening and to be able to share it with the Board at the time things were happening and being able to testify on the Board's behalf. Mr. Hager also noted that the Carroll Delegation felt that it was beneficial.

VI. Board of Health Meeting

Zika Virus Update:

There have been nine (9) cases of Zika Virus confirmed in Maryland residents this year. All cases have been acquired outside of the Continental United States in areas where there is active vector-borne mosquito transmission. Carroll County Health Department (CCHD) staff will discuss potential health risks to Carroll County citizens and efforts at the State and local level to prevent the spread of Zika.

Visit by Deputy Secretary Haft:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services will be visiting Carroll County in late July to conduct a joint town hall meeting in cooperation with the CCHD. The Health Department is developing a program for the visit and seeks input on issues which the local elected officials and public would like to discuss.

Update on Changes in Behavioral Health (substance abuse) Programs:

The CCHD was awarded new Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes (S.T.O.P.) funding. Carroll County's proposal was fully funded by the Behavioral Health Administration. Beginning July 1, 2016 these funds will provide the opportunity for the CCHD, working in partnership with the Carroll County Detention Center, to identify individuals within the Criminal Justice system who are candidates to move into recovery housing and community based behavioral health services and other necessary wrap around and support services. The program will focus on providing a continuum of care to individuals who are 18 years of age or older, diagnosed with substance abuse, serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder, and are incarcerated in the local Detention Center. Individuals will be selected from Pretrial, Pre-release, and the general inmate population. Transition plans will be presented to the Court if necessary for approval prior to the release of the individual. Staff engaged in this program will be able to work with individuals while incarcerated, preparing for release and post release in the community. There will be follow up with the individual as well as the criminal justice system. This project will have two Case Managers and one Peer Recovery Support Specialist. Case managers as well as the Peer Recovery Support Specialist will be available after release to assist individuals when they encounter problems or unexpected issues.

1. Motion To: convene as Board of Health

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Richard Rothschild, Commissioner
SECONDER: Richard Weaver, Vice-President
AYES: Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard

2. **Motion To:** reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Richard Weaver, Vice-President
SECONDER: Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES: Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard

VII. Public Comment

Citizen comment(s): no citizen comments were received.

VIII. Recess ~ 12:14 PM

1. **Motion To:** recess until 2 PM

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Richard Rothschild, Commissioner
SECONDER: Dennis Frazier, Secretary
AYES: Wantz, Weaver, Frazier, Rothschild, Howard