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Ethics Ordinance Passes with Motion for Recommendations

Westminster, MD, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – Today, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) discussed and voted 4-1 (Commissioner Rothschild dissenting) to approve a new [local ethics ordinance](#). An additional motion also passed 3-1-1 (Commissioner Wantz abstaining and Commissioner Rothschild dissenting), which directed the Carroll County Ethics Commission to consider four ethics-related concerns and return to the BCC with recommendations.

One motion reads, “To have the Ethics Commission look at conflicts of interest, debt, lobbying and nondisclosure protections and hold a public hearing before coming back to the commissioners.” Another motion approved the most recent version of the [County Ethics Ordinance](#), as referenced in the commissioner briefing books today, and subject to the earlier approved motion. The Ethics Commission will research the four issues and hold a public hearing for citizens to provide input. The Ethics Commission is expected to return its recommendations to the BCC in 120 days.

The commissioners also agreed that new ethics disclosures forms, based on the approved ordinance, should be forwarded to 2018 election candidates by the County Ethics Commission with a return date of April 30, 2018 so the forms can be available for public inspection well in advance of the 2018 primary election.

This open session is available for viewing on the [county meeting portal](#), [YouTube channel](#), and the [county Facebook page](#). In addition, all meetings will be rebroadcast on Comcast Channel 24.

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