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Commissioners Vote on Carroll County Emergency Services Enabling Legislation

Westminster, MD, Thursday, October 19, 2017 – Today, the Board of Carroll County Commissioners (BCC) discussed the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association's (CCVESA) request for future legislation related to the organization of fire, rescue and emergency medical services within Carroll County. The BCC voted 4-1 (Commissioner Rothschild dissenting) to make small changes to the original CCVESA recommendation.

Ultimately, successful enabling legislation reads, "The Board of Carroll County Commissioners may provide an entity or structure whose purpose shall be the administration of the County's affairs relating to fire, rescue and emergency medical services and associated activities while maintaining the volunteer emergency services. The commissioners may adopt and implement ordinances and such measures necessary to adequately and appropriately manage, direct and regulate these activities."

Commissioner Rothschild proposed changes that would specifically (a) require an "economic impact analysis"; (b) provide individual fire departments with the ability to "opt-out" of government control; and (c) enable the county to limit its involvement to narrow "components" of emergency services. All of these changes were rejected by the other 4 commissioners.

The Commissioners will now forward the proposed legislation to the Carroll County Delegation to move to the General Assembly.

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