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BUDGET DIRECTOR PRESENTS FY18 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Thursday, March 30, 2017 – The Board of Carroll County Commissioners received the <u>Fiscal Year 18 Recommended Budget Presentation</u> in open session today from Director of Management and Budget, Ted Zaleski. Mr. Zaleski began the process on March 16, 2017 with an overview presentation where the stage was set on budget discussions and the decisions that will be made as the Commissioners build the FY 18 Proposed Budget.

Today's presentation encompasses hours of work from the budget department. The Recommended Budget is a starting point for the Board of County Commissioners and generally provides a framework from which to work. During this time, the Department of Management and Budget reviews the process while outlining the county's fiscal needs, obligations and responsibilities.

After the Recommended Budget is presented, the Commissioners will meet with any agency requesting funding that wasn't included in the Recommended Budget. Armed with the information from the Director of Management and Budget and the agencies, the Commissioners will begin discussing and building a budget which will be proposed to the community. During these discussions all aspects of the budget can and will be discussed, but nothing mentioned during these discussions will have any policy implications until the Proposed Budget is finally adopted by the Board of Commissioners in May.

After reviewing every aspect of the budget, the Commissioners' Proposed Budget will be presented in a news conference and made available for public comment. At that time, the Department of Management and Budget will hold a series of community meetings to review this Proposed Budget. These meetings culminate in a public hearing currently scheduled for Monday, May 15th at 7 pm in the Scott Center Auditorium at Carroll Community College.

Based on information received during the community meetings and the public hearing, the Commissioners will review the Proposed Budget one more time making any adjustments prior to adopting the Final Budget which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 25th.

The entire process will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 24 and streamed to the internet. The meetings will then be archived on the Carroll County Government Meeting portal.

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