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Commissioner Howard Meets with Colonel Thomas S. Rickard at Fort Meade

Westminster, Thursday, January 26, 2017 – On Friday, January 27, 2017 Commissioner Doug Howard met with Garrison Commander, Colonel Thomas S. Rickard at Fort Meade to discuss how the county government can work as partners in promoting, supporting and engaging both communities. During Open Session on Thursday, February 2, 2017 Commissioner Howard will update the Board of County Commissioners and give more details about his visit to Fort Meade.

During the visit Commissioner Howard was given a tour of the installation by Colonel Rickard as they discussed future expansion plans and infrastructure challenges. Commissioner Howard discussed the importance of the expansion of Route 32 (Carroll County's long-standing #1 road project priority) and how it would benefit not only Ft. Meade but Carroll County as well.

After the tour the two met to discuss many of the operations at Ft. Meade and its critical role in our nation's security. Commissioner Howard spoke of Carroll County's desire to forge a much stronger and more active relationship with the base with an eye on attracting those who relocate to Ft. Meade from other areas of the country to consider living in Carroll.

This year Ft. Meade will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Activities related to this milestone will be coordinated with the County's Celebrating America efforts and Ft Meade will be represented at the Celebrating America event in May.

Various ideas were discussed and those will be shared by Commissioner Howard with his colleagues on Thursday in Open Session.

For more information on Fort Meade, please contact Chad T. Jones, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Fort Meade, 301-677-1301.

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