



District 1 Commissioner Joe Vigliotti Record and Review

The 62nd Board of Carroll County Commissioners took office in December 2022. A review of some notable actions in District 1 and Carroll County as a whole:

District 1 Specific

- ✓ New Windsor Streetscape remains on the CTP* letter
- ✓ Union Bridge's Main Street being studied for county assistance
- ✓ Taneytown's bypass in the projects-in-waiting section of the CTP letter (for the first time in ten years)
- ✓ Commissioners unanimously agreed to write a letter of support for Taneytown for the bypass when they submit the project to the Highway Needs Inventory process
- ✓ Charles Carroll Community Center completed – Ribbon Cutting and Open House 8/12/23
- ✓ Pinch Valley Road will be closing in 3 to 5 years due to airport expansion requirements – the County will be conducting studies for improvements for alternative travel routes
- ✓ Completed many tours of county facilities and community organizations including the Corrections facility, State's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office (including a field shadowing with a deputy), Circuit Court, fire companies in New Windsor, Pleasant Valley, and more
- ✓ Paving of the parking lot and drive into the complex at Union Mills, the second-most visited tourist site in the county
- ✓ Northwest Regional Parks site tour and progress underway – the only county park in the northwest, and will have an emphasis on natural recreation such as camping, fishing, and trails
- ✓ Agricultural Preservation – Since December 1, 2022, as of December 14, 2023, the County settled 978.79 acres of ag preserved land in District 1. There are currently 1,205.21 acres in process in District 1, and of those, 41.54 acres may settle before the end of the year
- ✓ Increased the number of Ag Preservation acres toward the county's 100,000-acre goal – the total number of acres preserved in the county as of December 14, 2023, is 79,599
- ✓ Held first Town Hall
- ✓ Approved Grant Application and Acceptance of Award for New Windsor Wetland Construction
- ✓ Awarded the contract for construction services for the Union Mills Homestead Grist Mill – Millwheel & Shaft Replacement

*Each year, the Carroll County Department of Planning prepares a letter for the Board's submittal to the Maryland Department of Transportation listing the key county transportation priorities for inclusion into the State's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for the following fiscal year.

Please see the last page for a list of major engineering/road projects in District 1.

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Carroll County in General

- ✓ Adopted Super Majority Resolution for strengthening taxpayer protection – in order to raise taxes, a supermajority of 4 votes is required; now, in addition, a supermajority of 4 votes is required to repeal the 4-votes requirement
- ✓ Approved 6-Month Community Solar Moratorium, held meetings and public hearing, and removed community solar from the Agricultural Zone
- ✓ Improving relationships with municipalities - hosted Carroll County Welcome Reception for municipal, county and state leaders, who are partners in serving citizens
- ✓ Participated in Maryland Municipal League (MML) and municipality meetings
- ✓ Introduced and adopted County Nuisance Business Ordinance – to hold responsible businesses that repeatedly take up the majority of time from law enforcement response
- ✓ Received weekly legislative updates from Legislative Liaison to Annapolis to keep track of bills affecting county, and to determine how and where to respond when needed. One benefit in 2023: allowed us to keep track of events and enabled us to partner with the County Board of Education to jointly oppose HB 119, which would take away local and parental rights in determining the curriculum. This was also opposed by the State Board of Education
- ✓ Participated in Point-in-Time Homelessness Count - in 2023, the county had 96 sheltered individuals and 23 unsheltered individuals; 4 unsheltered individuals were identified in District 1
- ✓ Determined Board of Commissioner participation on 18 county Boards and Commissions – two that I serve on include the Commission on Aging and Disability and the Farm Museum Advisory Board
- ✓ Presented State of the County remarks at event in January
- ✓ Attended Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) conferences
- ✓ Rotating visiting member with Carroll County Board of Education meetings
- ✓ Met twice with U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, including participation in Veterans Small Business Meeting (which also included Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs Woods); and with a request to clarify grant funding language for Fire and EMS applicability
- ✓ Bought or contracted resources to continue building new county Department of Fire and EMS including hiring over 130 department staff in 2023
- ✓ Approved FY24 bond authorization resolution (This resolution authorizes the issuance of general obligation County Commissioners of Carroll County Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds of 2023 in the maximum aggregate principal amount of approximately \$30 million to finance a portion of the costs of the design, acquisition, engineering, construction and equipping of certain public works, public schools, general government, and conservation projects. Approximately \$29.1 million of this bond issue represents reimbursement of costs already expended on projects at or near completion.)
- ✓ Approved the submission of the FY24 Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Grant application and accepted the award for the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office to continue critical crime-fighting work and provide funding for two positions: a Senior Assistant State's Attorney and a Crime Analyst
- ✓ Completed FY24 budget process and adopted FY24 Budget. Budget discussions are ongoing in preparation for next year's process
- ✓ Met with Lieutenant Governor Miller and Maryland Secretary of Veteran Affairs Anthony Woods for conversations with county Veterans program staff and local Veterans Service Organization representatives to advance services and assistance for Carroll County Veterans
- ✓ Approved several submittals of grant applications and acceptances of awards including the FY24 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that addresses food insecurity during summer and winter school breaks for low-income children. The program is anticipated to assist over 1,100 children in Carroll County
- ✓ Adopted the 2022 Carroll County Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of Emergency Management
- ✓ Pursuing restrictions on marijuana sales (no on-site consumption; increased distance from schools, parks, etc.; and a recourse for nuisance for neighboring businesses or residents negatively impacted)

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- ✓ Made FY24 school impact fees at \$3,000 for new single residences effective September 1, 2023, graduated for other types of residences
- ✓ Amended Carroll County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94, section 94.033 to allow usage of Class 1 E-Bikes on designated trails in county parks and to expand efforts to educate trail users about trail etiquette
- ✓ Received a Briefing – Status of Broadband Internet Service Expansion in Carroll County including grants, development for underserved or unserved areas, new Internet Service Providers, and more
- ✓ Approved budget items for several road improvement projects including replacement, testing and rehabilitation in addition to bridge repairs (see last page for list of projects)
- ✓ 2023 Triennial Update to Water and Sewer Master Plan, 2022 Planning Annual Report, Work Plan for Environmental Advisory Council
- ✓ Applied for FY24 Maryland Façade Improvement Grant from Maryland Department of Housing and Community development (DHCDD)
- ✓ Merged Departments of Land and Resource Management and Comprehensive Planning into the Department of Planning and Land Management and created a Priority Review Process to expedite applications for projects of critical importance
- ✓ Increased funding for Sheriff's Department, State's Attorney's Office, and the Courts to improve rates of pay for those tasked with public safety
- ✓ Approved funding for redeployable speed control signs for use by the Sheriff's Department in order to increase safety in rural communities and unincorporated villages
- ✓ Building partnerships and establishing a strong working relationship with Carroll County Board of Education, Delegates, and Senators, to address issues of critical concern and interest to Carroll County, such as Blueprint
- ✓ Community Involvement/Support – Summer/Fall 2023 – attended and/or participated in many community meetings and ceremonies. A few to name: ESAC Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Flag Day, 4H Fair, National Night Out (in New Windsor, Union Bridge, and Taneytown), business ribbon cuttings and anniversary celebrations, 9/11 Memorial Service, East Middle School tour, Land Trust, Farm Bureau, Carroll Community College, Veterans Services Program 10th Anniversary, and many others
- ✓ Reaffirmed triple AAA from three credit rating agencies resulting in lowest possible bond interest rate due to sound fiscal practices and responsibility
- ✓ FY24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Round 2 Application - Recovery Housing for Women and Children
- ✓ Various decisions concerning maintenance and construction for utilities and infrastructure including solid waste, water, pumping station and sewer projects.
- ✓ Purchased a variety of vehicles and work trucks to update or replace vehicles or add to various departments including public works, fire and EMS and Sheriff's Office.
- ✓ Clarifications to the Definitions in the County Code, Chapter 158 Addressing Drug Treatment Facilities
- ✓ Approved Housing Study for Carroll County to determine areas of need/shortage of certain kinds of housing
- ✓ Approved the installation of a new Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) system at the Public Safety Communications tower site in Mt. Airy
- ✓ Approved moving forward and executing new lease for space for the Board of Elections
- ✓ Various projects to support the airport runway safety enhancement project
- ✓ Considering possible changes to Chapter 158, the Zoning Code, regarding the bulk requirements in the Commercial districts when a property is adjacent to a Residential district
- ✓ Support for Washington Road Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project
- ✓ Awarded Pre-Construction Services contract for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office Headquarters Building
- ✓ Approved Fall 2023 Recreation and Parks Self-Help Project Requests and funding

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- ✓ Approved many public safety purchases for Sheriff's Office, courts, Fire/EMS, and Public Safety such as Emergency Responder (Two-Way) Radio Communications Enhancement System, Next Generation 9-1-1, Public Safety Training Center, installation of a new UPS, body armor, technology, simulators, upgraded radios, FFY2023 Department of Homeland Security grant awards, court security, support services, and more
- ✓ Reviewed zoning to allow alcohol producers/sellers, such as a winery, to prepare, serve, and sell food and Adoption of Ordinance change Zoning 158 – Restaurants in the Agriculture and Conservation Districts Text Amendments

Future/Potential Plans

- Pursuing restrictions on marijuana sales (no on-site consumption; increased distance from schools, parks, etc.; and a recourse for nuisance for neighboring businesses or residents negatively impacted)
- Regulation of particular types of manure (such as liquified chicken manure)
- Regulation/zoning concerns regarding drug treatment facilities
- Regulations on Facial Recognition Technology in commercial use - notification and consent

2023 Engineering and Roads Projects – District 1

- ✓ Pinch Valley Road to close in 3 to 5 years due to airport expansion requirements – the County to conduct studies for improvements for alternative travel routes
- ✓ Shepherds Mill Road over Little Pipe Creek Structure Replacement
- ✓ Surface Hardening Gravel Roads Project - replaced 705 feet of stormwater pipe/graded roads
- ✓ Nusbaum Road Shoulder Construction - placed 615 tons of crusher run, 27 tons of gabion stone, 480 tons of topsoil, 100 pounds of grass seed, and 30 bales of straw
- ✓ Windstorm Damage Clean-up (08/14/2023 through 11/20/2023)
- ✓ Shepherds Mill Road over Little Pipe Creek Structure Replacement - Replacement of 1965 structure with new single span 106 ft steel girder bridge
- ✓ Old Hanover Paving (3.84 mi) - Pipe work and mill/fill paving
- ✓ Mayberry Road Paving (4.49 mi) - Pipe work, full depth reclamation, and base/surface paving
- ✓ Halter Road Paving (3.32 mi) - Pipe work, full depth reclamation, and base/surface paving
- ✓ Bowers Road Paving (3.26 mi) - Pipe work, full depth reclamation, and base/surface paving

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I look forward to hearing from you!