



# Calvert County NEWS

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## **Calvert County Board of County Commissioners Releases 2016 Progress Report**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Jan. 20, 2017** – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to announce the release of the 2016 Calvert County Government Progress Report. The report covers local government initiatives and accomplishments from 2014 to 2016, the first half of the board’s four-year term.

This mid-term progress report provides an overview of county government operations in a variety of areas including county finance, economic development, transportation, education and public safety.

“Despite obstacles, we made significant advancement and look forward to brighter horizons,” shared Board President Tom Hejl. “We achieved several goals over the past two years with strong support from the community and county staff.”

A snapshot of the many successes at the mid-term mark include:

- Calvert County’s financial management approach helped earn top bond ratings from three independent credit ratings agencies. It was the first time in Calvert County’s history that it received AAA ratings from all agencies.
- Recent regulatory reforms support an already growing commercial tax base, positive job growth and increasing tourism expenditures.
- There was an increase in public safety spending, including a contract award to Motorola Solutions to provide the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office and the fire departments and rescue squads with a new 800 megahertz digital communications system.

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- The Calvert County Government Fiscal Year 2017 budget provides more than \$5 million for land preservation, reinforcing our commitment to maintain Calvert County's rural character
- Infrastructure improvements include new sewer pumping stations, a water main extension and a new \$3.9 million well and water tower.
- A new Calvert County animal shelter will be built in Prince Frederick.
- Building of the new Northern High School is underway and will provide state-of-the-art equipment and accommodations.

In an effort to reduce printing and distribution costs, the progress report is available electronically, viewable in Adobe Acrobat PDF format at [www.co.cal.md.us/Progress](http://www.co.cal.md.us/Progress). Residents will receive a postcard reminder in the mail with the address of where to find the report online. Printed copies will be available for view at county libraries. Individual printed copies are available by request only. Requests may be e-mailed to [progress@co.cal.md.us](mailto:progress@co.cal.md.us) or call 410-535-4583, ext. 2488.

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