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### For Immediate Release

## Twele joins economic development team

**December 6** –As part of their ongoing strategic efforts to boost economic development in Carroll County, the Commissioners proudly announce the hiring of Lawrence F. Twele as the county’s new director of economic development.

As a county’s economic base grows, businesses carry a greater share of the financial burden that is required to provide services to residents. While Carroll’s commercial and industrial base has kept steady with rapid residential growth, the base remains at 12 percent. To boost that percentage, Twele will call upon his experience at the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, where he has worked since 1998. His ability to retain existing businesses and attract new ones was refined during his tenure as director of regional offices and, previously, as a business development specialist for DBED.

“I am very pleased and excited to be joining the Carroll County team,” Mr. Twele said. “I am eager to work with the community and municipalities to carry out the Commissioners’ objective to maintain the county’s high quality of life and increase the tax base. I am looking forward to delivering programs and services to help the existing businesses stay and grow in the county as well as building on the county’s success as an attractive location for new businesses.”

“I am looking forward to working with Larry and the new energy he will bring to Carroll County’s economic development,” said Commissioner Perry L. Jones Jr.

“We are pleased that the county will have someone in place who is familiar with the new paradigm of economic development, which is more knowledge based,” added Commissioner Dean L. Minnich.

Twele earned his master’s degree in business administration from Loyola College in Baltimore and his bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a member of the Maryland Industrial Development Association and is a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain. When he begins his new role in mid-January, Twele will earn \$90,000 annually.

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