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Charles “Chuck” Johnston Joins Calvert County Government as Director of Planning and Zoning

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Oct. 19, 2011 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the addition of Charles “Chuck” Johnston as director of the county’s Department of Planning and Zoning, effective October 12, 2011.

Johnston is the former director of the Clarke County, Va., Planning Department, a position he held for 22 years. He has also been a planner for several other jurisdictions including Albuquerque, N.M., Aurora, Colo., and Hanover, Va. As a consultant, Johnston worked with local officials on the implementation of state-mandated Chesapeake Bay Critical Area regulations in Talbot County, Md. Johnston holds a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois.

“I am very pleased to serve the Calvert County Board of Commissioners and all residents by helping foster efficient development while preserving the county’s unique natural heritage,” said Johnston. “I look forward to working with the community as we pursue these goals.”

“We are excited to have Chuck join county staff,” said Calvert County Administrator Terry Shannon. “His experience as a planner dovetails well with the county’s vision for the future as outlined in our Comprehensive Plan.”

The Department of Planning & Zoning coordinates planning activities within Calvert County Government, including the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals and other boards and commissions. The department administers the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and

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the Building Code. It provides information and advice to the community and to the BOCC concerning growth and development in Calvert County. Its mission is to maintain or improve the quality of life for county residents by providing quality planning, zoning and code enforcement services to Calvert County at the direction of the BOCC.

For more information on the Calvert County Government, call 410-535-1600 or 301-855-1243 or visit online at www.co.cal.md.us.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to approximately 90,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.