CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Davis Community Center - 631 S. East St., Mt. Carroll IL
November 19, 2026 9:30 a.m.
*****PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES*****

Opening Prayer
Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comments
Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the November 5th Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation**
3. **Approval of Committee on Claims**
4. **Approval of Budgeted Transfers**

Tabled Items
Department Reports

- **Animal Control**
- **Assessor**
- **Circuit Clerk**
- **County Clerk & Recorder**
- **Emergency Management**
- **GIS**
- **Health Department**
- **Highway**
- **Probation**
- **Sheriff**
  1. **Monthly Report**
- **States Attorney**
- **Transit**
  1. **Monthly Report**
- **Treasurer**
- **Zoning/ZBA**
  1. **Monthly Report**
- **County Administrator**
- **Chair Report**

Affiliate Reports

- **Blackhawk Hills Regional Council**
- **Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce – Chris Flikkema**
- **Community Mental Health Board – Melinda Appel**

Emergency Telephone System Board – Matt Magill, 911 Director
Health Board – William Iske
Hotel/Motel - Susan Jacobs
1. **Monthly Report**

Jo Daviess Carroll Co Joint Action Solid Waste Agency –Melinda Appel
LRA – Susan Jacobs
1. **Monthly Report**

NWILED – Robert Jachnicki
Senior Services Board – David Soldat
Tri-County Opportunities Council – David Soldat
United County Council of Illinois – Julie Bickelhaupt
Upper Mississippi River International Port District – Susan Jacobs
1. **Monthly Report**

Veterans Assistance Commission – Susan Jacobs
1. **Monthly Report**

Whiteside/Carroll & Jo/Carroll Enterprise Zones – Julie Bickelhaupt

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee – William Iske
Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee – Chris Flikkema
Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee – Julie Bickelhaupt
Ad Hoc Highway Committee – Melinda Appel

Business

1. **Illinois Extension Update – Karla Belzer**
2. **Approval of Carroll County Trustee Resolutions – Amy Buss**
3. **Approval of Resolution of Compensation for the Office of County Sheriff – Michael O'Brien**
4. **Approval of Resolution of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for the period of December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2027 in the amount of $10,000.00 – Michael O'Brien**
5. **Approval of Chapter 700 Text Amendments from ZBA recommendation – Jaicee Kramer**
6. **Approval of Adoption of Chapter 770 from ZBA recommendation – Jaicee Kramer**
7. **Approval of Variance Request 2026149 – Jaicee Kramer**
8. **Approval of the Organizational Meeting - December 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., with Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Davis Community Center – Julie Bickelhaupt**
9. **Approval of Request to update signature card - Fidelity Bank – Lydia Hutchcraft**
10. **Approval of Carroll County 2027-2031 Strategic Plan – Bob Jachnicki**
11. **Budget Reconciliation – Lydia Hutchcraft and Bob Jachnicki**
    - **Discussion and possible change actions**

12. **Approval of the Combined Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2027 – Lydia Hutchcraft and Bob Jachnicki**
13. **Approval of the Tax Levy Resolution for corporate purposes for the fiscal year commencing December 1, 2026 through November 30, 2027 – Lydia Hutchcraft and Bob Jachnicki**

Executive Session - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Personnel

Appointments

1. **Approval of John Beaver Miller to Zoning Board of Appeals – Reappointment, Term Ending October 31, 2031**

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings –

- **Swearing in of New County Board Members – December 7, 2026, at 9 a.m.**
  Large Courtroom, Carroll County Courthouse
- **County Board Organizational Meeting – December 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**
  Davis Community Center (upon approval)
- **County Board Meeting – December 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
  Davis Community Center (upon approval)

Carroll County Board Meeting
301 N. Main St., Mt. Carroll, IL
Small Courtroom
November 5, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

County Board Member Fitzpatrick gave the Opening Prayer.

CALL TO ORDER-Chair Bickelhaupt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL-Roll call indicated that Julie Bickelhaupt, William Iske, Susan Jacobs, David Soldat, Melinda Appel, Christopher Flikkema, Jason Beyers, and Judy Fitzpatrick were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

Chair Bickelhaupt presented the appointment of Sara Derrer to represent District Three through November 2028. Soldat moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Appel. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Judge Kane administered the Oath of Office to Sara Derrer.

CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Approval of October 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

Jacobs moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Fitzpatrick. On a roll call vote, Fitzpatrick, Beyers, Appel, Soldat, Flikkema, Jacobs, Iske, Derrer, and Bickelhaupt voted aye. The motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS-None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control-Animal Control Officer Larson provided a Carroll County Illinois Shelter 2026 report.

Larson reported that Carroll County Animal Control was recognized as the Best Animal Control Service in Northwestern Illinois for 2026, based on Google reviews.

Larson reported the purchase of a new washer, dryer, and freezer. The furnace was not operational, and air conditioning repairs were scheduled for December.

Assessor-Chief Assessor Dimmick had no report.

Circuit Clerk-Circuit Clerk O'Neill reported that she had not received any updates regarding the ADA grant for the elevator.

O'Neill reported that a CD had been redeemed by the previous Circuit Clerk due to funds running lower.

O'Neill also reported she had to request more funds be added to the jury account to cover the upcoming jury trial.

O'Neill stated that her office would accept applications for the Deputy Circuit Clerk position through November 12th.

County Clerk and Recorder-County Clerk and Recorder Buss reported voter turnout of 57.4% in the November 3rd General Election. She expressed appreciation for the Carroll County Election Judges' performance of their duties.

Buss reported that the Illinois State Board of Elections tested the electronic voting devices on October 20th. The final report indicated that the testing was completed without errors.

Emergency Management-Emergency Management Director Klinefelter was not present.

GIS-GIS Director Hughes had no report.

Health Department-Dawn Holland was not present.

911 Director Magill reported that Holland had notified him that her email account had been compromised. He relayed her warning not to open recent emails from her account.

Highway-A monthly report was submitted in the Board packet.

County Engineer Renkes reported that the gas tanks were being replaced and that work on the maintenance garage roof was nearly complete.

Probation-Chief Probation Managing Officer Brown reported that new Probation Officer Reese had been sworn in.

Brown announced that the State had approved their annual plan.

Sheriff- Sheriff Kloepping reported the following updates:
Department Operations
- K-9 training in Michigan was in its second week.
- The new jailer was nearing completion of training.

Courthouse Maintenance
• The courthouse water fountain had a leak, and all associated electrical components required replacement. Maintenance work would be deferred until spring due to the time of year.

State's Attorney-State's Attorney O'Brien informed the Board that he would attend a winter conference beginning December 9th.

O'Brien reported that he is reviewing Karpel prosecutor case management software.

Transit-PCOM Mary Maszk reported that the Transit Garage grant has been submitted.

Treasurer-Treasurer Hutchcraft reported that the tax sale had been conducted that morning at 9:00 a.m., with 303 parcels sold to the Carroll County Trustee.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals-Zoning Officer Kramer had no report.

County Administrator-County Administrator Jachnicki reported on the CIRMA meeting held on October 28th in Bloomington.

AFFILIATE REPORTS
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council-No report.
Best Employment Skills Team/Workforce-No report.
Community Mental Health Board-County Board member Appel reported the next meeting will be December 15th.
Emergency Telephone System Board-No report.
Health Board- No report.
Hotel/Motel Board-Monthly report submitted
Jo Daviess/Carroll Co. Joint Action Solid Waste-No report.
LRA-Monthly report submitted.
NWILED- Monthly report submitted.
Senior Services Board-No report.
Tri-County Opportunities Council- No report.
United County Council of Illinois-No report.
Upper Mississippi River International Port District-Monthly report submitted.
Veterans Assistance Commission-No report.
Whiteside/Carroll & Jo/Carroll Enterprise Zone-No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee- County Board Member Iske had no report.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee-County Board Member Flikkema had no report.

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee-Chair Bickelhaupt reported that the committee met on November 4th. The committee received an update on the November 2nd ZBA meeting; reviewed and discussed zoning chapters, the Strategic Plan, and the County Code Codification update; and established meeting dates for FY27 and FY28.

Ad Hoc Highway Committee-County Board Member Appel had no report.

Business

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for approval the refund of TIF funds by the Milledgeville TIF/Village of Milledgeville, with a total reallocation of $139,940.40 for tax years 2010 through 2025. County Clerk Buss explained the reallocation. Jacobs moved to approve the $139,940.40 reallocation, seconded by Iske. On a roll call vote, Iske, Flikkema, Appel, Bickelhaupt, Beyers, Jacobs, Fitzpatrick, Soldat, and Derrer voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented the renewal of the Chadwick-Milledgeville School Resource Officer Agreement for approval. Sheriff Kloepping explained the agreement. Iske moved to approve the SRO agreement, seconded by Appel. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented the 2027 Health Care Insurance Renewal for approval. Country Financial Representative John Bickelhaupt reviewed changes to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois 2027 Standard Plan. A handout outlining the changes was included in the Board packet. He reported a 7.8% increase in employee insurance premiums, with the monthly premium increasing from $792.45 to $853.91. The Board packet also included a handout showing monthly insurance premiums since 2024. Jacobs moved to approve the 2027 Health Care Insurance Renewal Plan, seconded by Appel. On a roll call vote, Jacobs, Appel, Beyers, Fitzpatrick, Soldat, Iske, Derrer, and Flikkema voted aye. Bickelhaupt abstained. Motion carried.

4. Chair Bickelhaupt presented amendments to Chapter 20 Ordinance-County Board Procedure for discussion and possible approval and explained the proposed changes. Following discussion, the only wording change was to Section 20-17, Organizational Meeting, to read: “An organizational meeting will be held before the **first** regular scheduled Board meeting in December of each even numbered year.” Jacobs moved to approve the amendments, seconded by Fitzpatrick. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

5. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for approval Carroll County’s participation in the Albertsons Settlement and execution of the Subdivision Participation and Release form. State’s Attorney O’Brien explained. Iske moved to approve, seconded by Appel. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for approval the installation of Network Infrastructure Switches by Computer Dynamics in the amount of $13,410.00, funded by Capital Projects. 911 Director Magill explained that $5,010.00 of the $13,410.00 would be paid from 911 funds. Beyers moved to approve, seconded by Soldat. On a roll call vote, Fitzpatrick, Beyers, Appel, Soldat, Flikkema, Jacobs, Derrer, Iske, and Bickelhaupt voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for approval the installation of Network Infrastructure Wireless Access Points by Computer Dynamics in the amount of $4,422.50, funded by Capital Projects. 911 Director Magill explained the proposal. Jacobs moved to approve, seconded by Fitzpatrick. During discussion, the Board identified incorrect information in the client quote. The Board reached consensus to approve the proposal with the following statement stricken from the quote: **"Total-cost-Includes 2 new workstations and all labor to install and configure"**. On roll call vote, Flikkema, Beyers, Soldat, Appel, Iske, Bickelhaupt, Derrer, Jacobs, and Fitzpatrick all voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Acceptance of County Administrator Resignation effective April 30, 2027. Chair Bickelhaupt thanked him for his dedication, and he will be greatly missed. Jacobs moved to accept with regret, seconded by Appel. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of the Bridge Aid Resolution for the contract to line the culvert location on Morrison Road, Section Number 26-00108-00-SM, in the amount of $86,000. County Engineer Renkes explained. Jacobs moved to approve, seconded by Flikkema. On a roll call vote, Appel, Jacobs, Bickelhaupt, Derrer, Fitzpatrick, Beyers, Soldat, Flikkema, and Iske all voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of contract Section Number 26-00108-00-SM with Hoerr Construction in the amount of $72,300. County Engineer Renkes explained. Iske moved to approve, seconded by Beyers. On roll call vote, Beyers, Fitzpatrick, Iske, Flikkema, Bickelhaupt, Jacobs, Derrer, Soldat, and Appel all voted aye. Motion carried.

11. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of the resolution for the Matching Fund in the amount of $19,475 for the Vialytics planning tool contract. County Engineer Renkes explained. Iske moved to approve, seconded by Soldat. On roll call vote, Iske, Appel, Flikkema, Derrer, Fitzpatrick, Soldat, Beyers, Bickelhaupt, and Jacobs all voted aye. Motion carried.

12. **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget-Reconciliation**

- **Personnel-**County Administrator Jachnicki presented the Board with FY2026-2027 Salary Consideration for the Zoning Director. County Administrator Jachnicki explained. Jacobs moved to increase Zoning Director salary to $60,000 for FY2026-2027 fiscal, seconded by Soldat. On roll call vote, Appel, Bickelhaupt, Derrer, Fitzpatrick, Beyers, Jacobs, Soldat, Iske and Flikkema voted aye. Motion carried.

- **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Reconciliation-**County Administrator Jachnicki presented the following Budget Changes for consideration:

Budget Line Item	**Account**	**FY26-27 Requested Budget**	**FY26-27 Proposed Budget**
All Grants Revenue	055-3326	$900,000	$200,000
All Grants Expenses	055-5507	$900,000	$200,000
Animal Control-capital exp	027-5380	$60,000	$0
Zoning-Consulting fees	011-17-5081	$135,000	$30,000
Treasurer-Computers (reclassed from Capital Projects)	011-12-5323	$4,302	$4,302
Animal Control-PT salaries	011-19-6061	$24,219	$9,688
Property, Liab. & WC	034-5375	$203,300	$194,611
GIS-Codification	011-32-8558	$16,000	$16,000
Health Insurance	Various	10%	7.8%
Mental Health Board Tax Levy	026-3001	$460,198	$418,218
Mental Health Board Disbursements	026-5510	$0	$24,000
Mental Health Board Administrative	026-5401	$0	$2,000

Vice Chair Iske asked for the following changes to Emergency Services budget:

- 011-22-5314/Part time wages- lower from $3,000 to $500
- 011-22-7051/Equipment-lower from $5,000 to $2,000
- 011-22-5323/Supplies-lower from $3,000 to $1,500

Iske moved to approve the FY2026-2027 Budget Reconciliations, seconded by Soldat. On roll call vote, Bickelhaupt, Iske, Jacobs, Flikkema, Soldat, Appel, Beyers, Fitzpatrick, and Derrer. Motion carried.

Executive Session-None

Chair Report-Chair Bickelhaupt had no report.

Appointments-Chair Bickelhaupt present Approval of Appointment of Kevin Vandendooren to the Upper Mississippi International Port Authority-replacing resigning Jeff Doran-Term ending May 2029. Jacobs moved to approve, seconded by Soldat. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion carried.

Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Iske. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Amy R. Buss, County Clerk and Recorder

Selection Criteria: Vendor =
Bank =

Committee on Claims

Batch =
Due Date = 11/19/2026
Invoice Date =

Open Invoices by Fund/Department (APLT22)

Carroll County

Vendor		Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**				
Dept:	**01**	**COURTHOUSE UPKEEP**				
1091	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*	**399101**	11/19/2026	*01101005005* MONTHLY WEB HOSTING	*UTILITIES--TELEPHONE*	$21.95
640884	*JCE CO-OP*	**222004_DUE 11.28.26**	11/19/2026	*01101005004* COURTHOUSE	*UTILITIES--ELECTRICITY & WATE*	$3,127.80
3040	*KONE, INC.*	**872184630**	11/19/2026	*01101005003* COURTHOUSE	*REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE*	$2,664.66
640952	*M and A Mechanical Corporation*	**348469**	11/19/2026	*01101005003* HWY OFFICE BLDG	*REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE*	$285.00
1800	*NICOR GAS*	**86673320007_DUE 12.24.26**	11/19/2026	*01101005006* COURT HOUSE	*UTILITIES--GAS*	$217.36
3413	*PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC.*	**10883713**	11/19/2026	*01101005003* COURTHOUSE	*REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE*	$114.34
640874	*R.P. LUMBER*	**5852116**	11/19/2026	*01101005003* COURTHOUSE	*REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE*	$14.99
640973	*SPECTRUM VOIP*	**1006232**	11/19/2026	*01101005005* COURTHOUSE	*UTILITIES--TELEPHONE*	$34.46
					Subtotal for Department: 01 :	**$6,480.56**
					Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor / Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund: 011 GENERAL FUND				
Dept: 02 SUPPLIES AND RENTALS				
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*01102005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$105.64
NOV 2026	11/19/2026	INTEREST		
641013 FREEPORTIL WELLNOW URGENT CARE		*01102005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$744.00
62321_11/06/2026	11/19/2026	EMPLOYEE EXAMS		
4197 STERLING COMPUTER PRODUCTS		*01102005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$275.79
147081	11/19/2026	COUNTY CLERK / MICR TONER FOR AP CHECKS		
640684 STOREY-KENWORTHY		*01102005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$100.20
PINV1346836	11/19/2026	COUNTY CLERK / OFFICE SUPPLIES AND CHECK PAPER		
640198 TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT REV. FUND		*01102005319*	*RENTALS & LEASE*	$259.00
T2704542	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT / ISP LEADS		
			Subtotal for Department: 02 :	**$1,484.63**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor			*Account*	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
	Invoice	Inv Date	Invoice Description		
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**03**	**OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANC**			
4192	*STERLING BUSINESS EQUIP. CENT.*		*01103005025*	*OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENAN*	$112.00
	INV512203	11/19/2026	ASSESSOR		
				Subtotal for Department: 03 :	**$112.00**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor		*Account*	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
	Invoice Inv Date Invoice Description			
Fund: **011** **GENERAL FUND**				
Dept: **04** **COUNTY BOARD SERVICES**				
1464 *CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01104005422*	*TRAVEL, DUES & SUPPLIES*	$96.75
	BUSS_NOV 2026 11/19/2026 AMY BUSS			
			Subtotal for Department: 04 :	**$96.75**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor		Account	Account Description	Invoice Amt
	Invoice Inv Date Invoice Description			
Fund:	**011** **GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**05** **SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS**			
640989	*AFFORDABLE WATER, INC*	*01105005323*	*PRINTING SUPPLIES & OTHERS*	$42.50
	119807009 11/19/2026 ASSESSMENT OFFICE			
2211	*ILLINOIS PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INST.*	*01105005014*	*EDUCATION*	$400.00
	638932 11/19/2026 JULIE PETTY / INTRO EXAM			
4576	*UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE*	*01105005323*	*PRINTING SUPPLIES & OTHERS*	$1,500.00
	NOVEMBER 2026 11/19/2026 ASSESSOR / #28897270			
			Subtotal for Department: 05 :	**$1,942.50**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor		*Account*	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
	Invoice Inv Date Invoice Description			
Fund:	**011** **GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**06** **BOARD OF REVIEW**			
4576	*UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE*	*01106005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$1,500.00
	NOVEMBER 2026 11/19/2026 ASSESSOR / #28897270			
			Subtotal for Department: 06 :	**$1,500.00**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor	Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**07**	**ELECTIONS**			
640	*AMY BUSS*		*01107005019*	*JUDGES, BALLOTS & SUPPLIES*	$96.00
	11.19.26	11/19/2026	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT / ELECTION		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01107005019*	*JUDGES, BALLOTS & SUPPLIES*	$171.48
	BUSS_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	AMY BUSS		
640124	*KENDRA S. STRAUCH*		*01107005019*	*JUDGES, BALLOTS & SUPPLIES*	$95.76
	11/2/2026	11/19/2026	MILEAGE / SET UP POLLING LOCATIONS		
640393	*LIBERTY SYSTEMS, LLC*		*01107005182*	*SOFTWARE LEASE*	$15,100.00
	8662	11/19/2026	COUNTY CLERK / TENEX LICENSE		
2960	*MIRROR DEMOCRAT*		*01107005024*	*ELECTION PUBLICATIONS*	$1,560.00
	CO CLERK_10/31/26	11/19/2026	COUNTY CLERK / ELECTION		
				Subtotal for Department: 07 :	**$17,023.24**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor		Account	Account Description	Invoice Amt
	Invoice Inv Date Invoice Description			
Fund:	**011** **GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**12** **COUNTY TREASURER**			
640989	*AFFORDABLE WATER, INC*	*01112005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$16.00
	136493889 11/19/2026 TREASURER			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*	*01112005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$1,088.00
	HUTCHCRAFT_NOV 2026 11/19/2026 LYDIA HUTCHCRAFT			
3800	*SAVANNA TIMES JOURNAL*	*01112005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$640.00
	01554324-001 11/19/2026 TREASURER DELINQUENT TAX LIST			
			Subtotal for Department: 12 :	**$1,744.00**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor		Invoice	Inv Date	Account	Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**					
Dept:	**13**	**COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**					
640989	*AFFORDABLE WATER, INC*	**136493891**	11/19/2026	*01113005323*	COUNTY CLERK	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$16.00
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*	**BUSS_NOV 2026**	11/19/2026	*01113005323*	AMY BUSS	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$199.84
4197	*STERLING COMPUTER PRODUCTS*	**147080**	11/19/2026	*01113005323*	COUNTY CLERK / TONER	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$351.76
640684	*STOREY-KENWORTHY*	**PINV1346836**	11/19/2026	*01113005323*	COUNTY CLERK / OFFICE SUPPLIES AND CHECK PAPER	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$16.25
640684	*STOREY-KENWORTHY*	**PINV1347953**	11/19/2026	*01113005323*	COUNTY CLERK / SUPPLIES	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$170.69
						Subtotal for Department: 13 :	**$754.54**
						Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor	Invoice	Inv Date	Account	Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**				
Dept:	**17**	**ZONING**				
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01117005323*		*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$51.10
	BUCKNER_NOV 2026	11/19/2026		JAICEE BUCKNER		
640617	*iWorQ*		*01117005372*		*SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEE*	$9,250.00
	218213	11/19/2026		ZONING		
2960	*MIRROR DEMOCRAT*		*01117006042*		*PUBLICATIONS*	$200.00
	ZONING_10/31/26	11/19/2026		ZONING / PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE		
					Subtotal for Department: 17 :	**$9,501.10**
					Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor	**Invoice**	Inv Date	*Account* Invoice Description	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**18**	**CORONER**			
640208 NMS LABS	**1325988**	11/19/2026	*01118006038* CORONER	*AUTOPSIES*	$191.00
				Subtotal for Department: 18 :	**$191.00**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor	**Invoice**	Inv Date	*Account* Invoice Description	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**19**	**ANIMAL CONTROL**			
640884	*JCE CO-OP*		*01119006039*	*AUTO TELEPHONE & SUPPLIES*	$95.90
	222001_DUE 11.28.26	11/19/2026	ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER		
				Subtotal for Department: 19 :	**$95.90**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

Vendor	Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**20**	**COUNTY SHERIFF**			
640533	*AL'S QUALITY SERVICE INC*		*01120006044*	*SQUAD CAR MAINTENANCE*	$177.09
	106104, 106210	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		
640659	*AT&T MOBILITY*		*01120007055*	*CELL PHONES*	$815.76
	287318885952X11032026	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120006051*	*SHERIFF--FUEL*	$101.25
	KLOEPPING_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	RYAN KLOEPPING		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120006044*	*SQUAD CAR MAINTENANCE*	$168.71
	KLOEPPING_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	RYAN KLOEPPING		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120006010*	*911 DIRECTOR EXPENSES*	$170.93
	MAGILL_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	MATTHEW MAGILL		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120005323*	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$103.73
	KLOEPPING_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	RYAN KLOEPPING		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120006046*	*UNIFORMS*	$2,238.67
	KLOEPPING_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	RYAN KLOEPPING		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01120006037*	*WEAPONS & AMMO*	$1,258.45
	KLOEPPING_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	RYAN KLOEPPING		
2040	*CARROLL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.*		*01120006051*	*SHERIFF--FUEL*	$4,165.65
	OCTOBER 2026	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT / FUEL		
1771	*GALLS LLC*		*01120006046*	*UNIFORMS*	$24.35
	036625279	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		
1771	*GALLS LLC*		*01120006046*	*UNIFORMS*	$58.25
	036604801	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		
1771	*GALLS LLC*		*01120006046*	*UNIFORMS*	$30.35
	036647735	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		

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1771	*GALLS LLC*	**036770767**	11/19/2026	*01120006046* SHERIFF DEPT	*UNIFORMS*	$19.90
2614	*LEAF*	**21186301**	11/19/2026	*01120005323* SHERIFF DEPT	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$258.23
640558	*MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.*	**10827420261001**	11/19/2026	*01120006047* SHERIFF DEPT	*RADIO CONTRACT & REPAIRS*	$1,419.00
640993	*POLICE LAW INSTITUTE*	**15679**	11/19/2026	*01120006048* SHERIFF DEPT	*TRAINING FEES*	$1,330.00
3540	*QUILL CORPORATION*	**50917858**	11/19/2026	*01120005323* SHERIFF DEPT	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$19.99
3540	*QUILL CORPORATION*	**50826971**	11/19/2026	*01120005323* SHERIFF DEPT	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$167.79
3540	*QUILL CORPORATION*	**50910254**	11/19/2026	*01120005323* SHERIFF DEPT	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$146.12
3540	*QUILL CORPORATION*	**50869517**	11/19/2026	*01120005323* SHERIFF DEPT	*OFFICE SUPPLIES*	$38.99
3929	*SHAW'S FOODS*	**9.30.26 STATEMENT**	11/19/2026	*01120006073* COUNTY JAIL	*DIETING OF PRISONERS*	$4,652.63
641067	*WEX BANK*	**116208674**	11/19/2026	*01120006051* SHERIFF DEPT	*SHERIFF--FUEL*	$1,918.54

Subtotal for Department: 20 : **$19,284.38**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**				
Dept:	**22**	**EMERGENCY SERVICES**				
640659	*AT&T MOBILITY*		*01122007055*		*CELL PHONE*	$144.96
	287314771337X11032026	11/19/2026		EMA		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01122007052*		*MISC MEETING EXPENSE*	$15.90
	KLINEFELTER_NOV 2026	11/19/2026		JAMES KLINEFELTER		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01122007051*		*NEW EQUIP & MAINTENANCE*	$65.63
	KLINEFELTER_NOV 2026	11/19/2026		JAMES KLINEFELTER		
					Subtotal for Department: 22 :	**$226.49**
					Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**24**	**PUBLIC DEFENDER**			
640170	*DAVID WEISSMILLER*		*01124007104*	*DEFENDING ATTORNEY-SALARY*	$75.00
	2026JA5_10.30.26	11/19/2026	ATTY FEES		
640170	*DAVID WEISSMILLER*		*01124007104*	*DEFENDING ATTORNEY-SALARY*	$75.00
	2026JA6_10.30.26	11/19/2026	ATTY FEES		
640170	*DAVID WEISSMILLER*		*01124007104*	*DEFENDING ATTORNEY-SALARY*	$150.00
	2026JA1,2,3_10.30.26	11/19/2026	ATTY FEES		
4326	*THOMSON REUTERS-WEST*		*01124007116*	*LEGAL SEARCH SUBSCRIPTION*	$100.00
	854282686	11/19/2026	JUDGE		
				Subtotal for Department: 24 :	**$400.00**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011** **GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**25** **PROBATION**			
640989	*AFFORDABLE WATER, INC*	*01125005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$30.00
	136493888 11/19/2026 PROBATION			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*	*01125005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$1,283.68
	BROWN_NOV 2026 11/19/2026 STEVEN BROWN			
1091	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*	*01125007071*	*SOFTWARE & HARDWARE UPGR*	$638.59
	131394 11/19/2026 PROBATION			
640906	*GM FINANCIAL*	*01125005142*	*CAPITAL EQUIPMENT*	$541.97
	DUE 11.23.26 11/19/2026 PROBATION / #212084763676			
			Subtotal for Department: 25 :	**$2,494.24**
			Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**26**	**STATES ATTORNEY**			
640659	*AT&T MOBILITY*		*01126005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$83.54
	287359640105X11032026	11/19/2026	STATES ATTY		
4192	*STERLING BUSINESS EQUIP. CENT.*		*01126005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$505.65
	INV512031	11/19/2026	STATES ATTY		
4326	*THOMSON REUTERS-WEST*		*01126005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$522.91
	854287507	11/19/2026	STATES ATTY		
				Subtotal for Department: 26 :	**$1,112.10**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**27**	**CIRCUIT CLERK**			
640293	*AMERICAN STAMP & MARKING PRODUCTS INC*		*01127005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$1,139.89
	1744101	11/19/2026	CIRCUIT CLERK		
640293	*AMERICAN STAMP & MARKING PRODUCTS INC*		*01127005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$90.30
	1744076	11/19/2026	CIRCUIT CLERK		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01127005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$33.42
	HIHER_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	PATRICIA HIHER		
641086	*COMPLETESMS*		*01127005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES*	$32.80
	CI00219576-3154210	11/19/2026	CIRCUIT CLERK		
				Subtotal for Department: 27 :	**$1,296.41**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**28**	**COURT EXPENSES - JUDGES**			
640989	*AFFORDABLE WATER, INC*		*01128005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES-BOOKS/P*	$15.00
	136493887	11/19/2026	JUDGE		
4326	*THOMSON REUTERS-WEST*		*01128005323*	*PRINTING & SUPPLIES-BOOKS/P*	$334.70
	854282686	11/19/2026	JUDGE		
				Subtotal for Department: 28 :	**$349.70**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**29**	**REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION**			
690	*REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION*		*01129007102*	*SHARED COSTS - JO DAVIES & S*	$983.16
	OCTOBER 2026	11/19/2026	GENERAL FUND		
691	*REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION # 8*		*01129007103*	*SHARED RENT - JO DAVIES & ST*	$258.91
	OCTOBER 2026	11/19/2026	OFFICE RENT		
				Subtotal for Department: 29 :	**$1,242.07**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**30**	**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01130005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$103.73
	JACHNICKI_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	ROBERT JACHNICKI		
1091	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*		*01130005253*	*IT MANAGE SERVICES*	$4,956.00
	399135	11/19/2026	REMOTE MANAGED SERVICES		
				Subtotal for Department: 30 :	**$5,059.73**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**31**	**FINANCIAL SOFTWARE**			
1091	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*		*01131005431*	*FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SUPPOR*	$55.00
	399103	11/19/2026	TREASURER		
1091	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*		*01131005525*	*BACKUP SUPPORT*	$459.00
	399103	11/19/2026	TREASURER		
2630	*WIPFLI*		*01131005431*	*FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SUPPOR*	$1,192.50
	3410002	11/19/2026	PAYROLL PROCESSING		
				Subtotal for Department: 31 :	**$1,706.50**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**011**	**GENERAL FUND**			
Dept:	**35**	**HIGHWAY OFFICE UPKEEP**			
640884	*JCE CO-OP*		*01135005004*	*UTILITIES- WATER / ELECTRICIT*	$184.54
	222002_DUE11.28.26	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT OFFICE		
1800	*NICOR GAS*		*01135005006*	*UTILITIES--GAS*	$79.71
	86643320004_DUE 12.14.26	11/19/2026	HWY OFFICE BLDG		
				Subtotal for Department: 35 :	**$264.25**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund: **011** **GENERAL FUND**					
Dept: **37** **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**					
1091 *COMPUTER DYNAMICS*	**131398**	11/19/2026	*01137005144* COURTHOUSE	*CAPITAL PROJECTS*	$12,844.96
				Subtotal for Department: 37 :	**$12,844.96**
				Total for Fund: 011 :	**$87,207.05**

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Fund:	**013**	**BRIDGE AID FUND**				
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**				
2210	*ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO.*			*01300005114*	*AID TO TWPS IN BLDING BRIDGE*	$1,950.00
		CLAIM 2503	11/19/2026	CULVERT TUBE / SALEM		
2210	*ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO.*			*01300008552*	*CAPITAL OUTLAY*	$480.00
		CLAIM 2502	11/19/2026	CULVERT TUBE		
2210	*ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO.*			*01300005112*	*REIMBURSEMENTS*	$1,950.00
		CLAIM 2503	11/19/2026	CULVERT TUBE / SALEM		
4791	*WENDLING QUARRIES, INC.*			*01300008552*	*CAPITAL OUTLAY*	$495.24
		CLAIM 2504	11/19/2026	EROSION STONE		
4900	*WILLETT HOFMANN & ASSOC INC.*			*01300005114*	*AID TO TWPS IN BLDING BRIDGE*	$30.20
		CLAIM 2505	11/19/2026	ENG PROGRESS REPORT		
4900	*WILLETT HOFMANN & ASSOC INC.*			*01300005112*	*REIMBURSEMENTS*	$1,479.75
		CLAIM 2505	11/19/2026	ENG PROGRESS REPORT		
					Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$6,385.19**
					Total for Fund: 013 :	**$6,385.19**

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Fund:	**014**	**COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
640995	*AG VIEW FS, INC*		*01400005112*	*REIMBURSEMENTS*	$4,287.13
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	SHERIFF & ACO FUEL		
640995	*AG VIEW FS, INC*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$3,016.97
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT FUEL		
620	*BUSHMAN'S SERVICE*		*01400005103*	*HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTEN*	$151.38
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / REPAIRS		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01400005106*	*ENGINEERING FEES*	$290.24
	RENKES NOV 2026	11/19/2026	SARA RENKES		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$123.11
	RENKES NOV 2026	11/19/2026	SARA RENKES		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01400005109*	*ADMINISTRATIVE*	$45.77
	RENKES NOV 2026	11/19/2026	SARA RENKES		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01400005103*	*HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTEN*	$1,900.00
	RENKES NOV 2026	11/19/2026	SARA RENKES		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*01400005109*	*ADMINISTRATIVE*	$34.56
	RENKES NOV 2026	11/19/2026	SARA RENKES		
900	*CITY OF MT. CARROLL*		*01400005105*	*GARAGE OPERATION & MAINTE*	$88.50
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY GARAGE		
1554	*EXTREME TREE SERVICE, LLC*		*01400005101*	*MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY HIG*	$1,400.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / DEBRIS REMOVAL		
640916	*FOLEY TREE CARE, LLC*		*01400005101*	*MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY HIG*	$1,500.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / TRIM TREES		
640884	*JCE CO-OP*		*01400005105*	*GARAGE OPERATION & MAINTE*	$309.08
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY GARAGE ELECTRIC		

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641077	*JIM GREEN CONCRETE*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$8,407.50
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT		
640330	*L&L OF STERLING, INC. - NAPA AUTO PARTS*		*01400005103*	*HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTEN*	$205.31
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / PARTS		
640952	*M and A Mechanical Corporation*		*01400005105*	*GARAGE OPERATION & MAINTE*	$540.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / FALL MAINTENANCE SHOP		
641082	*MIKE SWEITZER*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$8,400.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / MATERIALS NEW FUEL PAD		
640625	*MOTO MARK'S REPAIR & SALES, LLC*		*01400005103*	*HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINTEN*	$82.17
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / PARTS		
640625	*MOTO MARK'S REPAIR & SALES, LLC*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$187.35
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / SHOP SUPPLIES		
3172	*NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE SOLUTIONS*		*01400005109*	*ADMINISTRATIVE*	$52.90
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / COPIER		
1800	*NICOR GAS*		*01400005105*	*GARAGE OPERATION & MAINTE*	$248.76
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY GARAGE		
641064	*ONEMONROE*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$464.23
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / SHOP SUPPLIES		
3528	*QUALITY READY MIX*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$55.17
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / FINANCE CHARGE		
640943	*RAY SKILES*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$36.37
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / WINTER WEAR		
640356	*ULINE*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$384.72
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / SPILL KIT		
640851	*VESTIS*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$181.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / UNIFORM RENTAL		
640878	*WARNING LITES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*		*01400005112*	*REIMBURSEMENTS*	$513.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / MT.C TWP SIGNS		

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640878	*WARNING LITES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*		*01400005104*	*MATERIALS, STORES & SUPPLIE*	$40.00
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / SHIPPING FEE		
4791	*WENDLING QUARRIES, INC.*		*01400005101*	*MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY HIG*	$605.16
	CLAIM 4497-C	11/19/2026	HWY DEPT / CA-10		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$33,550.38**
				Total for Fund: 014 :	**$33,550.38**

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Fund:	**015**	**TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
3806 *SAVANNA QUARRY*	**CLAIM 8869-MT**	11/19/2026	*01500005120* HMA SURFACE MIX / SALEM & WYSOX	*MAINT/CONSTRUCTION - ROADS*	$51,347.78
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$51,347.78**
				Total for Fund: 015 :	**$51,347.78**

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Fund:	**016**	**COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
1968	*HDI QUARRY LLC*		*01600005117*	*MAINTENANCE*	$5,360.72
	CLAIM 2736-M	11/19/2026	G'TOWN ROAD SHOULDER WORK		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$5,360.72**
				Total for Fund: 016 :	**$5,360.72**

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Fund:	**019**	**FICA OR SOCIAL SECURIT Y FUND**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
690	*REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION*		*01900005131*	*SUPERINTENDENT SHARE TRUS*	$72.38
	OCTOBER 2026	11/19/2026	SOCIAL SECURITY LEVY		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$72.38**
				Total for Fund: 019 :	**$72.38**

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Fund:	**027**	**ANIMAL CONTROL**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
641085 CLOVER HILLS	**11036003**	11/19/2026	*02700005380* ANIMAL CONTROL	*CAPITAL EXPENDITURES*	$2,443.99
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$2,443.99**
				Total for Fund: 027 :	**$2,443.99**

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Fund:	**032** **PROBATION SERVICE FEE**			
Dept:	**00** **NonDepartmental**			
641068	*ADVENT FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, LLC*	*03200005483*	*DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES*	$255.00
	1322 11/19/2026 PROBATION			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*	*03200007201*	*FUEL & VEH MAINT.*	$41.00
	BROWN_NOV 2026 11/19/2026 STEVEN BROWN			
3598	*REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB*	*03200007069*	*DRUG TESTING*	$67.62
	002868202610 11/19/2026 PROBATION DEPT			
			Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$363.62**
			Total for Fund: 032 :	**$363.62**

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Fund:	**039**	**CO TREAS TAX SALE AUT O FUND**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
2960	*MIRROR DEMOCRAT*		*03900005194*	*EXPENSES*	$800.00
	TREAS_10.31.26	11/19/2026	TREASURER / DELINQUENT LIST		
4576	*UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE*		*03900005194*	*EXPENSES*	$500.00
	NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	TREASURER / #21020656		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$1,300.00**
				Total for Fund: 039 :	**$1,300.00**

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Fund:	**041**	**COUNTY 911 ETSB FUND**				
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**				
640659	*AT&T MOBILITY*		*04100005373*		*NETWORKING &TELEPHONE*	$572.84
	287318886106X11032026	11/19/2026		911		
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*04100005323*		*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$288.33
	MAGILL_NOV 2026	11/19/2026		MATTHEW MAGILL		
41017	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS*		*04100005192*		*EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS*	$5,010.00
	131396	11/19/2026		911 / POE SWITCH & CONFIGURATION		
41040	*DECKER SUPPLY CO INC*		*04100005144*		*CAPITAL PROJECTS*	$6,088.00
	938887	11/19/2026		ETSB		
41029	*LECTRONICS, INC*		*04100005191*		*CONTRACTUAL SERVICES*	$1,625.00
	97639	11/19/2026		ETSB / RADIO MAINTENANCE FEE		
640472	*NG-911/SOLACOM*		*04100005373*		*NETWORKING &TELEPHONE*	$1,392.00
	15549	11/19/2026		911 / HOSTING SERVICES		
					Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$14,976.17**
					Total for Fund: 041 :	**$14,976.17**

Vendor	**Invoice**	Inv Date	*Account* Invoice Description	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
Fund:	**044**	**GEOGRAPHIC INFO SYSTE M**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*04400009207*	*GIS LEASES & MAINTENANCE*	$20.00
	HUGHES_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	JEREMY HUGHES		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$20.00**
				Total for Fund: 044 :	**$20.00**

Vendor / Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
Fund: 054 COUNTY HEALTH FUND				
Dept: 00 NonDepartmental				
641048 ATN HOLDINGS, LLC		*05400005004*	*UTILITIES--ELECTRICITY & WATE*	$144.60
OCT-DEC 2026	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT / GARBAGE REMOVAL		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$68.10
HOLLAND_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DAWN HOLLAND		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005322*	*REPAIRS*	$558.97
HOLLAND_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DAWN HOLLAND		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005344*	*CONTRACTUAL*	$34.68
HOLLAND_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DAWN HOLLAND		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005085*	*TELEPHONE*	$139.93
HOLLAND_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DAWN HOLLAND		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005012*	*TRAVEL*	$72.75
LIEB NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DOUGLAS LIEB		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005322*	*REPAIRS*	$84.51
LIEB NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DOUGLAS LIEB		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$22.70
LIEB NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DOUGLAS LIEB		
1464 CARDMEMBER SERVICES		*05400005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$54.25
HOLLAND_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	DAWN HOLLAND		
640801 CHLOE KNALSEN		*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$1.26
NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640801 CHLOE KNALSEN		*05400006257*	*SIPA DENTAL*	$4.16
NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640801 CHLOE KNALSEN		*05400006256*	*SIPA ENHANCED INSURANCE*	$74.50
NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		

Vendor		Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
54144	*CITY OF MT.CARROLL*			*05400005004*	*UTILITIES--ELECTRICITY & WATE*	$88.50
		9.1.26-10.1.26	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54143	*COMPUTER DYNAMICS OF N.W. IL.*			*05400005344*	*CONTRACTUAL*	$11.00
		399102	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54000	*DAWN HOLLAND*			*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$1.26
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
54000	*DAWN HOLLAND*			*05400006256*	*SIPA ENHANCED INSURANCE*	$74.50
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
54000	*DAWN HOLLAND*			*05400005012*	*TRAVEL*	$99.41
		11.19.26	11/19/2026	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		
54000	*DAWN HOLLAND*			*05400006257*	*SIPA DENTAL*	$4.16
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
54039	*DOUGLAS LIEB*			*05400006257*	*SIPA DENTAL*	$4.16
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
54039	*DOUGLAS LIEB*			*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$1.26
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
54039	*DOUGLAS LIEB*			*05400006256*	*SIPA ENHANCED INSURANCE*	$74.50
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640880	*JCE CO-OP*			*05400005085*	*TELEPHONE*	$74.99
		222007_DUE 11.24.26	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT / INTERNET		
640880	*JCE CO-OP*			*05400005004*	*UTILITIES--ELECTRICITY & WATE*	$467.70
		222006_DUE 11.28.26	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54147	*LYONS LAB*			*05400005344*	*CONTRACTUAL*	$574.00
		16073	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54118	*NICOR*			*05400005004*	*UTILITIES--ELECTRICITY & WATE*	$72.55
		17264199393_12.14.26	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54134	*QUEST DIAGNOSTICS*			*05400005344*	*CONTRACTUAL*	$343.71
		9223527371	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		

Vendor		Invoice	Inv Date	Account / Invoice Description	Account Description	Invoice Amt
640106	*SARAH MCCASKEY*			*05400006256*	*SIPA ENHANCED INSURANCE*	$74.50
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640106	*SARAH MCCASKEY*			*05400006258*	*SIPA VISION*	$1.26
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640106	*SARAH MCCASKEY*			*05400006257*	*SIPA DENTAL*	$4.16
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	SIPA REIMBURSEMENT		
640770	*STEPHANIE S. HUGHES*			*05400005437*	*PART-TIME JANITOR*	$375.00
		OCTOBER 2026	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT		
54018	*STEPHENSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPART.*			*05400005382*	*MANAGEMENT CONTRACT*	$2,125.13
		NOVEMBER 2026	11/19/2026	ADMIN CONTRACT		
640245	*WCCI-FM*			*05400005344*	*CONTRACTUAL*	$750.00
		1211-00027-0001	11/19/2026	HEALTH DEPT / FLU CLINICS		
					Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$6,482.16**
					Total for Fund: 054 :	**$6,482.16**

Vendor			*Account*	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
	Invoice	Inv Date	Invoice Description		
Fund:	**074**	**TRANSPORTATION GRANT**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
1464	*CARDMEMBER SERVICES*		*07400005323*	*PRINTING, SUPPLIES & POSTAG*	$119.15
	MASZK_NOV 2026	11/19/2026	MARY MASZK		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$119.15**
				Total for Fund: 074 :	**$119.15**

Vendor			*Account*	*Account Description*	Invoice Amt
	Invoice	Inv Date	Invoice Description		
Fund:	**082**	**LAW ENFORCEMENT OPE RATION (LEO**			
Dept:	**00**	**NonDepartmental**			
641025	*MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, INC*		*08200005522*	*SHERIFF LAW ENFORCE OP EXP*	$2,599.67
	782000086-1	11/19/2026	SHERIFF DEPT		
				Subtotal for Department: 00 :	**$2,599.67**
				Total for Fund: 082 :	**$2,599.67**

Fund Totals

Fund	Fund Name	Fund Total
011	GENERAL FUND	$87,207.05
013	BRIDGE AID FUND	$6,385.19
014	COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	$33,550.38
015	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL	$51,347.78
016	COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TA	$5,360.72
019	FICA OR SOCIAL SECURIT	$72.38
027	ANIMAL CONTROL	$2,443.99
032	PROBATION SERVICE FEE	$363.62
039	CO TREAS TAX SALE AUT	$1,300.00
041	COUNTY 911 ETSB FUND	$14,976.17
044	GEOGRAPHIC INFO SYSTE	$20.00
054	COUNTY HEALTH FUND	$6,482.16
074	TRANSPORTATION GRAN	$119.15
082	LAW ENFORCEMENT OPE	$2,599.67
	Total:	$212,228.26

Transfer from Account	Fund Description		Amount	Transfer to Account	Fund Description		Reason
040-00-00-5153	Hotel Motel 5% Tax		$2,500.00	011-00-00-3044	General Fund		5% of total tax collected from HM receipts to General Fund per ordinance 440.
020-00-00-5399	Emplr Share IMRF to Fund 054		$18,087.86	054-00-00-3211	Health Dept		Reimburse Health Department Employer costs from payroll.
019-00-00-5399	Emplr Share Fica/Med to Fund 054		$23,937.44	054-00-00-3212	Health Dept		Reimburse Health Department Employer costs from payroll.

Monthly Statistics - October 2026

Carroll County Sheriff's Office

Patrol Division

- Traffic Stops: 152
- Citations Issued: 87
- Warnings Issued: 83
- Civil Process: 37
- Arrests: 11
- Accidents: 29
- Calls for Service: 292

Communications / 911 Center

- 911 Calls Received: 346
- Non-Emergency Calls: 1,671
- EMS Calls Dispatched: 198
- Fire Calls Dispatched: 48
- Total Calls Handled: 2,017

Corrections Division

- Total Booked: 44
- Transports: 8

Carroll County Transportation								
Monthly Numbers								
Month/Year	Drive Hours (with clients)	Dead head hours (no clients)	Total hours	Miles (with clients)	Miles (no clients)	Total Miles	Vehicles used in maximum service	Average used in month
7/31/26	1,714	415	2,129	42,581	6,018	48,599	16	11.6
8/31/26	1,603	346	1,949	39,550	5,210	44,760	14	10.95
9/30/26	1,822	368	2,190	46,075	5,202	51,277	14	11.6
10/31/26			0			0		
11/30/26			0			0		
12/31/26			0			0		
1/31/27			0			0		
2/28/27			0			0		
3/31/27			0			0		
4/30/27			0			0		
5/31/27			0			0		
6/30/27			0			0		
Totals	5,139	1,129	6,268	128,206	16,430	144,636		

Ride Numbers																
	General Public				Medicaid			Other								
	Under 65 No Disabilities	Under 65 Disabled	Over 65 no disabilities	Over 65 disabled	Modiv-Care	MTM	General Medicaid	Students	Children	Attendants	Totals					
7/31/26	328	98	258	4	65	84	117	282	0	39	1,275					
8/31/26	210	95	205	6	45	102	90	236	68	26	1,083					
9/30/26	311	141	216	4	68	130	106	401	45	42	1,464					
10/31/26											0					
11/30/26											0					
12/31/26											0					
1/31/27											0					
2/28/27											0					
3/31/27											0					
4/30/27											0					
5/31/27											0					
6/30/27											0					
Totals	849	334	679	14	178	316	313	919	113	107	3,822					
Contracts																
	RHPC	Riverview	Sinnissippi	Veterans	CGH	FHN	NIAAA	Eastland School	CC Housing	Camp Benson	HCC	Kreider Services	Sauk Valley College	Tri-County	Lutheran SS	Totals
7/31/26	360	13	0	105	0	0	0	0	0	1,861	27	0	0	0	0	2,366
8/31/26	367	21	1	103	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	42	4	0	0	544
9/30/26	357	15	2	100	0	0	0	32	0	0	20	64	4	1	0	595
10/31/26																0
11/30/26																0
12/31/26																0
1/31/27																0
2/28/27																0
3/31/27																0
4/30/27																0
5/31/27																0
6/30/27																0
Totals	1,084	49	3	308	0	0	0	38	0	1,861	47	106	8	1	0	3,505

Punch Cards											
	Students (School age)	Under 65 No Disabilities	Under 65 Disabled	Over 65 No Disabilities	Over 65 Disabled	CC Probation	HCC Workforce	West Carroll Food Pantry	Total Punch Cards		MCCF Grant
7/31/26	0	358	138	259	0	2	0	0	757		3
8/31/26	50	398	132	195	0	6	0	0	781		6
9/30/26	63	402	84	231	0	8	0	4	792		12
10/31/26									0		
11/30/26									0		
12/31/26									0		
1/31/27									0		
2/28/27									0		
3/31/27									0		
4/30/27									0		
5/31/27									0		
6/30/27									0		
Totals	113	1,158	354	685	0	16	0	4	2,330		21

Total Rides	FY27	FY26	FY25	FY24	FY23
7/31/26	3,644	3,924	2,056	1,929	2,225
8/31/26	1,633	2,457	2,263	2,464	2,618
9/30/26	2,863	2,606	2,377	2,395	2,231
10/31/26	0	2,848	2,842	2,548	2,212
11/30/26	0	2,213	2,286	2,278	2,077
12/31/26	0	2,282	2,316	2,011	1,848
1/31/27	0	2,146	2,530	1,805	2,123
2/28/27	0	2,310	2,367	2,425	1,760
3/31/27	0	2,432	2,447	2,228	2,507
4/30/27	0	2,400	2,705	2,442	1,995
5/31/27	0	2,352	2,629	2,543	2,482
6/30/27	0	3,124	3,442	2,118	2,444
Total Rides	8,140	31,094	30,260	27,186	26,522

Carroll County

Zoning Board of Appels Meeting Summary – Chapter 700 Text Amendment and Proposed Chapter 770 Data Center Ordinance

Background and Purpose

Beginning October 5, 2026, the Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) commenced a public hearing regarding proposed text amendments to Chapter 700 of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance and the addition of a new Chapter 770, specifically addressing Data Centers.

The purpose of these proposed amendments was to establish regulations and requirements that would govern the development and operation of data centers within Carroll County. The intent was to proactively establish guidelines, standards, and protections for the County and its residents should a data center project be proposed in the future.

The hearing process was conducted over three separate meeting dates. Members of the public were invited to attend and participate, and Andrew Keyt, representing Heyl Royster, was retained to serve as the hearing facilitator throughout the process to assist with conducting the hearings and ensuring proper procedure was followed.

October 5, 2026 – First Public Hearing

The first evening of the hearing began with an overview and presentation of the proposed Chapter 770 Data Center Ordinance. The presentation outlined the reasoning behind the proposed ordinance, the County's intent in establishing regulations before receiving a potential development application, and the various standards and requirements being proposed.

Following the presentation, members of the public were given the opportunity to provide comments, ask questions, and express their concerns regarding the proposed amendments. A number of questions and statements were brought forward by attendees, resulting in substantial discussion regarding the potential impacts of data center development and the proposed regulatory requirements.

All public comments were heard and considered as part of the hearing record. After allowing the public an opportunity to participate and ensuring all comments were addressed, the ZBA recessed the hearing until October 19, 2026, to continue the review process.

October 19, 2026 – Second Public Hearing and Deliberation

The second evening of the hearing moved into the deliberation stage, allowing the ZBA members to conduct a more detailed review of the proposed amendments.

Board members were given the opportunity to review the ordinance page by page, discuss specific provisions, ask questions, and identify areas where additional clarification or revisions may be necessary. This process allowed the ZBA to thoroughly evaluate the proposed language and consider whether the regulations adequately addressed the concerns and objectives brought forward throughout the hearing process.

After several hours of review and discussion, the ZBA identified and requested several changes to be incorporated into the proposed ordinance. Rather than proceeding directly to a final vote, the Board determined that additional time was needed to incorporate the requested revisions and allow members an opportunity to review the updated document before making a recommendation.

The hearing was therefore continued until November 2, 2026, to allow the requested changes to be completed and reviewed.

November 2, 2026 – Final Deliberation and Findings of Fact

The third and final evening of the hearing began with the continuation of deliberations. ZBA members were given the opportunity to raise any remaining questions, discuss outstanding concerns, and review the revisions requested during the previous meeting.

One final amendment to the proposed language was requested during this discussion and addressed before the Board proceeded with its formal findings.

Following the conclusion of deliberations, the ZBA moved into the Findings of Fact portion of the hearing for both proposed text amendments. The Board reviewed and completed the required findings before proceeding with its votes.

After completing the review process, the ZBA voted unanimously in favor of both proposed text amendments, recommending that they be forwarded to the Carroll County Board for final consideration and action.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The three-night hearing process provided the ZBA and members of the public with an opportunity to thoroughly review, discuss, and evaluate the proposed changes to the County's zoning regulations concerning data center development.

Throughout the process, the ZBA considered public input, reviewed the proposed language in detail, requested revisions, and worked toward developing regulations intended to establish clear standards and protections for Carroll County.

With the unanimous votes of the Zoning Board of Appeals, both proposed text amendments have advanced to the Carroll County Board for final consideration and a final vote.

The next step in this process is for the County Board to review the recommendations and determine whether to adopt the proposed amendments into the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

CAPTURE CARROLL COUNTY • IL

HOTEL / MOTEL BOARD MEETING

Agenda

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 • 9:00 AM • Carroll County Courthouse

301 N. Main Street, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Welcome, roll call, confirmation of quorum, and public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

01 **Approval of September 22 Minutes**

ACTION / VOTE

- Review and consider approval of the September 22, 2026 meeting minutes.

02 **Treasurer's Report**

REVIEW

- Review the Treasurer's Report as presented.

03 **Zoning & Licensing Report**

UPDATE

- Update on permits and licensing activity.

04 **Savanna Spark Grant**

DISCUSSION / DIRECTION

- Discuss the Savanna mural project, requested extension and reapplication options.

05 **VisitNW Illinois & Carroll County Agreement for 2027**

DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION

- Review the proposed agreement for next year, with possible action on the agreement.

06 **2027 Northwest Illinois Expedition Guide Advertisement**

ACTION / VOTE

- Consider approval of a full-page inside-front-cover ad for $2,800, matching the prior-year placement and cost. Separate from the VNWIL services agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandburr Run request; partner mailers; OMA-certified director designation; and bylaws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If required, the board may move to closed session for a purpose permitted under Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act. Any final action is taken in open session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Confirm the next meeting date and time, then adjourn.

CARROLL COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX BOARD - Unapproved
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026
Carroll County Courthouse

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am

2. Roll Call

Voting Members Present:
Sherry Vidinich
Susan Jacobs
Char Spathies
David Schmit
Natasha Ritchie
Guests Present:
Matthew Lenox
Jaicee Kramer
Lydia Hutchcraft
Chrissy robinson

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3. Approval of Minutes

Amended Minutes from the June meeting were presented.

- Motion to approve: David
- Second: Natasha
- Motion carried.

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4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was submitted and discussed. Next step for delinquent businesses is the States Attorney and court

- Motion to approve subject to audit: Susan
- Second: David
- Motion carried.

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5. Zoning Report

No new permits, County has approved 2nd homes on AG land, potentially could be rentals

Spark Grant: Discussed two finalists

Susan moved pay City of Shannon $2,250.00 for flower pots, motion carried.

Matthew to follow up with City of Savanna, they will be given of deadline of October 7th to give requested information.

Discussion on rolling over spark grant and funding. Will put in new budget

Visit NW Illinois:

Matthew discussed social media. Plans to self host website

Discussed County signage, Sherry suggested getting legal clarity

8. Budget presented by Lydia, Discussion, Adjusted, Char moved to approve, Natasha 2nd, motion carried.

9. Sandbur Run request for funding to help with the irrigation of the golf course, discussion, Tabled.

10. Susan moved to go into executive session at 10:20 am, David 2nd, motion carried.

11. Adjournment

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12. Next Meeting

October 20, 2026 12pm at the County Courthouse

Respectfully submitted by Char Spathies - Secretary

Agenda

Jo-Carroll Depot LRA Board of Directors
3651 Crim Drive
Savanna Depot Business, Industry & Technology Park
Savanna, IL 61074

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

JCDLRA Boardroom

3651 Crim Drive, Savanna, IL, 61074

Zoom Meeting Link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5791926975
Meeting ID: 579 192 6975

I. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Agenda Additions**

5. **Approval of ~~September~~ October Minutes**

6. **Old Business**
   A. Grant Update –
   B. Depot Display Agreement -

7. **New Business**

   A. Bills over $2,500 –

B. Staff Reports

1. Executive Director

a. Report/issues updates – Board Meetings & Holidays 2027
b. Caretaker Agreement -
c. Correspondence –
d. Property transfers – Parcel 8 Army to LRA / LRA to Eagles Landing
e. Employment report –

2. Deputy Director –

3. Bookkeeping –

a. Bank account balances
b. CD Transfers
c. Cash flow
d. Budget update & FY 2027
e. Water/Sewer Income vs. Expenses -
f. Outstanding Invoices-

C. Board of Directors Reports

1. Foreign Trade Zone #271 -
2. Jo-Carroll Enterprise Zone #95 -
3. Other directors' reports –

D. Attorney's Report: --
E. Other new business –

8. Reports to the Board

A. Site Manager / BRAC Environmental Coordinator –
B. Tenants –
C. UMRI Port District –
D. USFWS –
E. Water/Sewer Operator Update – IEPA Compliance Evaluation Report for NPDES Permit (WWTP discharge)
F. Guests -

9. Public Comments

10. Adjournment

Jo-Carroll Depot LRA Board of Directors
18901 B Street
Savanna Depot Business, Industry & Technology Park
Savanna, IL 61074

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

JCDLRA Board Room

Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5791926975
Meeting ID: 579 192 6975

I. **Call to Order** – Chairman Steve Keeffer called the October 7th, 2026 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call** – was answered as follows: Present – Steve Keeffer, Bill Wright, Kevin Reibel, Tim Wand, Bill Robinson, Jim Baranski, David Schmit, and Susan Jacobs.

Staff present: Mara Roche, Rob Davies.

Attorney Phil Jensen was present by Zoom.

Others present by Zoom: Amiee Martelle (Riverport Railroad), Linda Balcom (Balcom Environmental), Scott Sigman (EASE), Sara Renkes (Carroll County), Todd McManus (Eagle's Landing), Hendrica Regez (Public)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

4. **Agenda Additions** – None

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Draft meeting minutes of the August meeting were presented for review.

Mr. Reibel made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. Seating of New Board Members – Mr. Jensen provided a synopsis of what being on the LRA board entails to the new board members, Mr. Schmit and Mr. Baranski. Mr. Jensen emphasized board members' responsibilities and obligations while serving on a public board such as the JCDLRA's. Discussion followed.

7. Old Business

A. Grant Update – Ms. Roche stated that a debrief would be provided on October 8th with feedback on the BUILD grant application that was not selected for funding. The CRISI grant is still under review.

B. Depot Display Agreement: Mr. Jensen discussed revisions to the Depot Display Agreement. Mr. Baranski asked what the intended goal of maintaining ownership of the display was. Ms. Roche clarified that the LRA would like to have an on-site museum in the future and would like to maintain ownership of the display for that purpose. Ms. Roche advised the board to approve the current revision so that it can be sent to the museum board for review.

Mr. Wright motioned to approve the latest Depot Display agreement. Ms. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. New Business

A. Bills over $2,500: - None.

B. Staff Reports

1. Executive Director:

a. Report/issues updates – 2026/2027 Plowing

Ms. Roche explained to the new board members that due to the variety of road ownerships on site, winter plowing can become complicated. Ms. Roche stated that the LRA and both Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties have been using the same service provider for all County and LRA owned roads. Raab Plowing has received contracts from both counties and provided an estimate for LRA owned roads. Due to increase in fuel and salt prices, the

estimate is higher than the 2025/2026 season

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve Ryan Raab for the 2026/2027 plowing season at $84 per hour with salt at $135 per ton. Mr. Reibel seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

The BNSF will be working on replacing rail at the Crim Drive crossing on October 8th. Traffic will be redirected. All emergency services have been notified of the detour. Maintenance is estimated to be completed by the end of the day. InServ and Riverport Railroad have requested to expand short-line rail for business and has received Army approval. InServ has also requested to rehab one of their buildings into an AER Certified shop. An Army approval response is anticipated to be received by October 30th.

Mr. Schmit asked if the industrial park's water/sewer system would be able to sustain a data center. Ms. Jacobs stated that Carroll County Board is in the process of putting a moratorium on data centers in Carroll County. Discussion followed.

b. Caretaker Agreement – The Army Contracting Office is still in the review stages of the contract and budget. No further update. Ms. Roche clarified for the new board members that this agreement would allow the LRA to receive funds from the Army to maintain and repair the water/sewer system as well as other Army-owned assets. Currently, these items are paid for out of LRA funds. Discussion over repairs and maintenance followed.

c. Correspondence – None.

d. Property transfers – The environmental covenant for Parcel 8 is anticipated to arrive soon.

e. Employment report – 71.

2. Deputy Director – Mr. Davies provided an update on the DOE and DCEO grants. Mr. Davies is attending a tour of the ADM plant in Decatur on October 15th. A contractor for the DCEO grant would also be on site October 15th.

3. Bookkeeping

a. Bank Account Balances – As of September 30th total cash on hand: $77,620.24.

b. CD Transfers - A CD will renew October 21st.

c. Cash flow – Cash flow for the month of September

September Income: $17,855.70
September Expenses: $35,255.33
Loss of $21,52.66

d. Budget Update – FY2026
Income: $594,534.17
Expenses $618,453.74
Loss of $23,919.57

e. Water/Sewer Income and Expenses:

September Income: $0.00
September Cost: $4,146.53

YTD: Cost $50,015.09
Income YTD: $4,372.76

YTD deficit of $45,642.33. Actual loss $28,355.33

f. Outstanding Invoices – None.

C. Board of Directors Reports

1. Foreign Trade Zone #271 – The FTZ will have its next meeting November 18th. Discussion over FTZ use followed.

2. Enterprise Zone – None.

3. Other directors' reports – Five seats for the Army's Restoration Advisory Board are open. Discussion followed.

D. Attorney's Report – None.

E. Other New Business – None.

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9. Reports to the Board

A. Site Manager / BRAC Environmental Coordinator –

1. NEPA Work at LRA Parcel 20: Army policy changes affected the programmatic agreements and preservation covenants. Tribal coordination was reopened on 31 August 2026, and closed on 30 September 2026, but responses will be accepted for another 2 weeks (15 October 2026). Once all response are reviewed and evaluated the FEIS will be completed.
2. LRA Parcel 8: The Environmental Covenant (EC) was recorded today 10/7/2026 at the Carroll County Recorder. The LRA will receive a copy EC and draft deed once the original EC is returned to LRL real Estate office.
3. LRA Parcel Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and LRA 10W (Water Tower): These parcels will remain as the last parcels to be transferred to the LRA.
4. PFAS: Field work for phase 2 RI at Site 67 (near the fire station) and Site 84 along River Road will begin late fall. The installation wide PFAS investigation new contract action is in negotiations, anticipate award by the end of October.
5. SVDA Water Supply Study – The contractor recently collected drawing and document information from the LRA files at the Water Treatment Plant and is evaluating the installations water supply system for the infiltration study to SVDA's water system. Draft of this study is in technical review. USACE anticipates receiving the draft in October.
6. LRA Caretaker Contract – The Contracting office will be contacting the LRA pending their review of the proposal and clarifications of the scope of work eminently
7. Inserv – Window repair and building renovations are in review at Real Estate office. Anticipate an approval response by October 30th.
8. RAB has been reestablished and we plan to have quarterly meetings starting out and may adjust if things get busier. We are taking applications for 5 vacancies and have received 4 applications. Applications can be submitted to me via email William.t.knuth.civ@army.mil or mailed to 18935 B street +- Savanna, IL.

B. Tenants – Ms. Martelle provided an update.

C. UMRI Port District – Mr. Keeffer provided an update. The next

UMRIPD Board meeting will be November 4th at 2 p.m.

D. USFWS – Ed Britton's email response states he will be on leave until March of 2027.

E. Water/Sewer Operator Update – A water main break near the campground has been resolved. A collapse is suspected in the sewer line near the Twin Image Design building. Visu-Sewer will be on-site to jet and televise the line to determine exactly where the collapse is located.

F. Guests – None.

10. Public Comments – None.

11. Adjournment – Ms. Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Jo-Carroll Depot LRA
10/31/26

BANK	BALANCE	MATURE DATE	INTEREST RATE	TYPE OF ACCOUNT
CARROLL COUNTY INSTITUTIONS:				
Triumph Community Bank, Savanna	$ 5,213.30		0.00%	Checking
	$ 5,213.30	TOTAL IN TRIUMPH COMMUNITY BANK		
	$ 5,213.30	**TOTAL CARROLL COUNTY**		
JO DAVIESS COUNTY INSTITUTIONS:				
Dupaco Credit Union	$ 25.00		0.00%	Savings Acct.
	$ 52,044.36	4/21/26	3.40%	CD#0695528
	$ 52,069.36	**TOTAL JO DAVIESS COUNTY**		
Petty Cash	$ 9.53			
10/31/26	**$ 57,292.19**	**GRAND TOTAL**		
9/30/26	$77,620.24			
CD REVIEW:				
Next CD Due				
	$ 52,044.36	**4/21/2026**	JO DAVIESS	CD#0695528
	$ 52,044.36	**CD GRAND TOTAL***		
AWAITING REIMBURSEMENT FROM:				
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: $38,173.07				
ARMY: $15,115.28				
TOTAL: $53,288.35				

Upper Mississippi River International Port District

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday November 4, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. CDT

Location: Board Room
3651 Crim Drive
Savanna, IL 61074

Zoom Meeting Link
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5791926975

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Approval of ~~September~~ Oct & Nov Meeting Minutes

V. New Commissioner Seating

VI. On-going Business

a. Capital Improvement Program: Update

VII. New Business

a. Bills over $2500 –
b. 2027 Meeting Dates & Holidays

VIII. Reports

a. Secretary:
b. Treasurer:
c. Jo Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority:

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjournment

Upper Mississippi River International Port District
Financial Report
10/31/26

Citizens State Bank

Previous Balance: $463,659.92 (9/30/26)

Interest Earned 10/31/26: $1,040.77 (current rate 2.65%)

Checks Cleared:

#1026 – Chastain & Associates Inv # 9427-12 - $3,190.99

Current Balance: $461,509.70

Apple River State Bank

Previous Balance: $4,907.28

Payments Received:

IDOT Reimbursement for Port Master Plan

9/26/26 - $19,200.00

9/26/26 - $4,800.00

Checks Cleared & Fees:

#1005 – Jo Carroll Depot LRA – $24,000.00 (Reimburse LRA for payments to WSP: Port Master Plan)

Current Balance: $4,907.28

Upper Mississippi River International Port District

3651 Crim Drive, Savanna, IL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 7th, 2026

Time: 14:00 CDT

Location: Board Room
3651 Crim Drive
Savanna, IL 61074

I. Call to Order

A roll call was held. Commissioners Steve Keeffer, Tim Wand, Nikki Nolan, and Susan Jacobs were present.

A quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

Guests in attendance were Sara Renkes (Carroll County Engineer), Linda Balcom (Balcom Environmental), Ed Britton (USFWS), Aimee Martelle (Riverport Railroad), Todd McManus (Midwest 3PL), Scott Sigman (EASE), Chris Falk (Public), Hendrica Regez (Public-Zoom), Michelle (Public-Zoom), Eric (Public-Zoom), Kevin Vandendoren (Public-Zoom), Eric Eisenhowell (Public-Zoom), Chase Reed (Public-Zoom)

UMRIPD staff members, Rob Davies and Mara Roche, were present.

II. Approval of the Agenda –

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wand, approved by voice vote unanimously.

III. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wand motioned to approve the August minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, approved by voice vote unanimously.

IV. On-going Business

a. **Capital Improvement Program:** The purchase of 2990 McIntyre Road has been completed. Midwest 3PL has requested appraisals of their property for potential sale. Surveys from the original Army / LRA / Eagles Landing transfer are on hand for the appraisal.

IV. New Business

A. **Bills Over $2500 – Chastain & Associates Payment:**

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Wand, to pay Chastain & Associates $3,190.99. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

VI. Reports

a. **Secretary.** Mr. Davies stated that an invitation was issued from the Illinois State Freight Advisory Council for a tour of the ADM campus in Decatur, IL on the 15th of October.

b. **Treasurer.**

Citizens State Bank:

Previous Balance: $467,761.14 (8/31/26)

Interest Earned 6/30/26: $1,043.40

Interest Earned 7/31/26: $1,007.70

Current Balance: $463,659.92

Checks Cleared:
#1021 - Chastain & Associates Inv# 9427-06 – $3,111.22
#1022 – Carroll Country Treasurer – 3231 McIntyre Road – $1,301.14
#1023 - Carroll Country Treasurer – 3077 School Drive – $358.16
#1024 - Carroll Country Treasurer – 3651 Crim Drive – $1,336.86
#1025 - Carroll Country Treasurer – 1st Install Late Fee –$44.94

Balance after Checks Clear: $553,296.48

Apple River State Bank

Previous Balance: $6,425.28

Checks Cleared & Fees:

#1004 – Jo Carroll Depot LRA - $1518.00 (Reimbursement to LRA for Website Build Payment to L.E.T. Group)

Current Balance: $4,907.28

At approximately 2:10 pm, a malicious disruption occurred in the Zoom meeting room. The meeting was promptly disconnected, and a new Zoom meeting was opened at approximately 2:12 pm. Zoom attendees were reminded the meeting link is being provided as a courtesy and not a requirement. If there is anyone that regularly wishes to attend by Zoom, their email address can be provided and they will get the agenda with the Zoom link directly.

c. **Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority.** The LRA board meeting will be held 10/7/2026 at 15:00. Ms. Roche shared that there was a State Freight Planning session for NW Illinois. Discussion followed. BNSF will be closing the crossing on Army Depot Road for track repairs. Traffic will be redirected. Discussion followed. Ms. Roche shared that there would be an online meeting with the DOT to discuss grant application feedback. Discussion followed. Ms. Roche stated Inserv and Riverport Railroad had been approved to begin installing new track on their property.

VII. Public Comment –

- Mr. Falk asked what the CIP money from IDOT has purchased. Commissioner Keefer clarified that it has been used to purchase property, and which properties have been purchased.
- Mr. Davies requested that if meeting participants knew of people who wished to attend the virtual meetings, that they request to be put on the public mailing list to avoid potential cyber-disruption, which can occur when the meeting link is forwarded and shared by multiple people.
- Ms. Martelle stated that there would be groups of students on site to visit Riverport Railroad and KaChing for Manufacturing Day on October 8th.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Wand, to adjourn at 2:30 pm CDT, unanimously approved by voice vote.

Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

17612 E. Benton St., P.O. Box 126, Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053

Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

Call to Order:
Invocation:
Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll Call:
Agenda Approval:
Approval of Minutes: Quarterly meeting - July 29, 2026, Special Meeting – August 27, 2026

Financial Report

Old Business:

- Pass out new bylaws for CCVAC (One per officer position & one per post)
- Training for ALL board members – Need to set up one account and will assign log-ins at a later date.

New Business:

- Accept the resignation of Douglas Bergren
- We are accepting applications for a new administrator/VSO
- 2026-2027 Budget – county decided to only give us .02% versus the .026% we were asking for.

Superintendent's Report:
Report from the Board President:
Discussion:
Public Comments:
Executive Session (if any)
Adjournment:

077-VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISION

Comprehensive Fund Summary

Category	Account ID	FY 2026 FINAL 25-26 FISCAL BUDGET	FY 2027 DRAFT BUDGET
Beginning Fund Balance		**$366.93**	-
Revenues			
TAXES			
REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION	077-00-00-3001	$120,000.00	$124,400.00
MOBILE HOME TAX COLLECTION	077-00-00-3002	$20.00	$25.00
Total TAXES		$120,020.00	$124,425.00
Total Revenues		**$120,020.00**	**$124,425.00**
Expenditures			
OTHER			
DISBURSEMENTS	077-00-00-5510	$120,000.00	$124,425.00
Total OTHER		$120,000.00	$124,425.00
Total Expenditures		**$120,000.00**	**$124,425.00**
Total Revenues Less Expenditures		**$20.00**	-
Ending Fund Balance		**$386.93**	-

Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

Quarterly Administrative Report:

Budget Year - August 2026 to July 2027 **July - September** **QTR Rpt** **Yr 2026**

Category	Office Visit	Phone Fax Email Input	Other	Category	Office Visit	Phone Fax Email Input	Claims and Appeals Filed
Office Operations				**Veterans Affairs Benefits (Federal & State)**			
Misc	5	32		Healthcare	2	43	18
VAC Business	9	114					
				Compensation	104	280	73
Agenda / Minutes / Reports		18	6	Pension			
Monthly Stats Reporting		14		Appeals	2	15	12
Dental Program	1	13		Burial Benefits	5	11	
Meetings /Training	6		8	Survivor Benefits (DIC, Death Pension)	8	44	6
Off-Site Visits	34	15		Home Loan			
Military Records, Local, and other Benefits				Education			
Military Records and Awards Request	3	14		Forms	373		
Financial Assistance		1					
Property Tax Exemption	2	6		Ebenefits/VA.gov Setup			
Honor Flight				VA Benefits (Other)	2	23	
Referrals				IDVA (State Benefits)	1	20	
Total Office Visits:	**148**				**Tot. Claims Filed**		**109**

Carroll Count Transit			
Trip Date	**Caregiver Yes / No**	**Service Animal Yes / NO**	**Trip Hours/Cost @ $22.50/hr**
Iowa City VA Transit Total	No	No	198.75/ $4471.95
Madison VA Transit Total	No	No	117.75/ $2649.40
Other	No	No	Various / $2912.50
Total Transit Costs			$10,033.85

55 ILCS 5/6-23001

0.002% - May be increased to 0.004% by referendum.

Levy Amounts

	MAX LEVY	2026 Estimated Levy	2026 Estimated Rate	2025 Estimated Levy	2025 Estimated Rate	2024 Estimated Levy	2024 Estimated Rate	2023 Estimated Levy	2023 Estimated Rate
011-General	1,620,000	1,555,280	0.25005	1,474,400	0.24573	1,362,000	0.24321	1,245,000	0.24900
034-Liability Insurance		214,000	0.03441	200,000	0.03333	200,000	0.03571	200,000	0.04000
061-Agri. Co-op Ext.	180,000	80,000	0.01286	75,000	0.01250	75,000	0.01339	75,000	0.01500
060-Historical Society	12,000	8,000	0.00129	7,000	0.00117	7,000	0.00125	6,200	0.00124
014-Highway	600,000	506,142	0.08137	486,675	0.08111	472,500	0.08438	450,000	0.09000
018-Matching	300,000	280,800	0.04514	270,000	0.04500	230,000	0.04107	220,000	0.04400
013-Bridge	300,000	250,000	0.04019	236,900	0.03948	230,000	0.04107	220,000	0.04400
028-Mental Health	600,000	418,218	0.06724	418,218	0.06970	420,000	0.07500	420,000	0.08400
054-County Health	450,000	18,000	0.00289	17,000	0.00283	16,000	0.00286	15,000	0.00300
020-IMRF		305,765	0.04916	308,000	0.05133	325,000	0.05804	325,000	0.06500
019-Social Security		391,332	0.06292	345,000	0.05750	340,000	0.06071	330,000	0.06600
030-Senior Citizens	150,000	132,000	0.02122	122,000	0.02033	122,000	0.02179	112,000	0.02240
077-VAC	180,000	124,400	0.02000	120,000	0.02000	86,600	0.01546	85,000	0.01700
Total		4,283,937	0.68874	4,080,193	0.68003	3,886,100	0.69395	3,703,200	0.74064
		104.99%		104.99%		104.94%		104.88%	0.0189
		622,000,000		600,000,000		560,000,000		500,000,000	

CARROLL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE
Income Statement
12 Month Comparison for 2026

	08/31/25	09/30/25	10/31/25	11/30/25	12/31/25	01/31/26	02/28/26	03/31/26	04/30/26	05/31/26	06/30/26	07/31/26	Total
Sales													
Revenue- County Tax Deposit	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.13	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,218.33	$ 7,113.39	$ 86,515.02
Donations	0.00	3,070.83	0.00	0.00	244.45	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	10,150.00	0.00	0.00	13,515.28
Total Sales	7,218.33	10,289.16	7,218.33	7,218.33	7,462.78	7,218.33	7,268.33	7,218.13	7,218.33	17,368.33	7,218.33	7,113.39	100,030.30
Gross Profit	7,218.33	10,289.16	7,218.33	7,218.33	7,462.78	7,218.33	7,268.33	7,218.13	7,218.33	17,368.33	7,218.33	7,113.39	100,030.30
Operating Expenses													
Accounting and legal	203.50	203.50	203.50	203.50	203.50	203.50	221.50	407.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,849.50
Administrative	479.37	113.76	268.69	337.97	0.00	312.58	152.44	568.20	94.80	358.33	571.80	568.17	3,826.11
Bank charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.62
Equipment	103.77	383.37	0.00	170.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	277.56	0.00	1,537.10	0.00	0.00	2,471.88
Dues and subscriptions	0.00	32.97	166.80	16.80	166.80	16.80	79.78	16.80	0.00	16.80	16.80	16.80	547.15
Internet	214.99	364.99	214.99	214.99	209.99	214.99	214.99	429.98	0.00	429.98	214.99	214.99	2,939.87
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.94	503.00	0.00	0.00	607.94
Training & Mileage	0.00	2,130.06	1,597.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.63	148.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,025.12
Transportation Assistance	3,649.01	2,697.16	3,618.29	3,454.39	2,590.38	3,783.89	3,220.07	2,810.89	0.00	3,518.16	3,644.41	0.00	32,986.65
Payroll Expense	239.13	239.16	358.69	271.43	246.30	246.31	246.30	104.52	(406.20)	235.78	326.02	350.95	2,458.39
Wages	2,898.52	2,898.52	4,347.78	3,289.80	2,985.44	2,985.44	2,985.44	2,985.44	5,848.18	4,315.45	4,087.90	4,533.95	44,161.86
Veterans Assistance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	7,788.29	10,063.49	10,776.54	7,959.16	6,402.41	7,763.51	7,269.15	7,748.82	5,696.34	10,914.60	8,861.92	5,684.86	96,929.09
Operating Income (Loss)	(569.96)	225.67	(3,558.21)	(740.83)	1,060.37	(545.18)	(0.82)	(530.49)	1,521.99	6,453.73	(1,643.59)	1,428.53	3,101.21
Other Income (Expenses)													
Total Other Income (Expenses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income (Loss) Before Taxes	(569.96)	225.67	(3,558.21)	(740.83)	1,060.37	(545.18)	(0.82)	(530.49)	1,521.99	6,453.73	(1,643.59)	1,428.53	3,101.21
Net Income (Loss)	$ (569.96)	$ 225.67	$ (3,558.21)	$ (740.83)	$ 1,060.37	$ (545.18)	$ (0.82)	$ (530.49)	$ 1,521.99	$ 6,453.73	$ (1,643.59)	$ 1,428.53	$ 3,101.21

CARROLL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE

Income Statement

	August 2026 Actual	September 2026 Actual	2 Months Ended September 30, 2026 YTD Actual	FY Ending July 31, 2027 Annual Budget	Over/(Under) Annual Budget
Sales					
Revenue- County Tax Deposit	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	120,000.00	(100,000.00)
Gross Profit	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	120,000.00	(100,000.00)
Operating Expenses					
Administrative	1,596.52	3.96	1,600.48	5,000.00	(3,399.52)
Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Dues and subscriptions	16.80	16.80	33.60	2,000.00	(1,966.40)
Internet	214.99	214.99	429.98	3,300.00	(2,870.02)
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Training & Mileage	0.00	3,522.13	3,522.13	6,000.00	(2,477.87)
Transportation Assistance	4,124.56	2,467.52	6,592.08	40,000.00	(33,407.92)
Payroll Expense	403.12	683.70	1,086.82	3,000.00	(1,913.18)
Wages	5,269.48	8,937.48	14,206.96	50,000.00	(35,793.04)
Veterans Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	(3,600.00)
Total Operating Expenses	11,625.47	15,846.58	27,472.05	120,000.00	(92,527.95)
Operating Income (Loss)	(1,625.47)	(5,846.58)	(7,472.05)	0.00	(7,472.05)
Other Income (Expenses)					
Total Other Income (Expenses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income (Loss)	**(1,625.47)**	**(5,846.58)**	**(7,472.05)**	**0.00**	**(7,472.05)**

CARROLL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE
General Ledger
August 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

Date	Reference	Journal	Description	Beginning Balance	Current Amount	Period End Balance
102 Cash in bank -TBK #5305				9,306.67		
08/01/26	10		Prior-year deposit recognized in August		73,778.14	
08/03/26	10		Google Workplace		(16.80)	
08/03/26	10		Staples		(59.69)	
08/03/26	10		Amazon		(26.61)	
08/04/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(2,289.44)	
08/06/26	10040		Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance		(975.00)	
08/11/26	10041		Carroll County Transit		(1,676.30)	
08/11/26	10042		Carroll County Transit		(1,496.26)	
08/11/26	10043		Carroll County Transit		(952.00)	
08/17/26	10		Internal Revenue Service		(762.86)	
08/18/26	10		Illinois Department of Revenue		(12.62)	
08/18/26	10		Illinois Department of Revenue		(224.44)	
08/19/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(2,239.61)	
08/21/26	10		USPS		(1.98)	
08/24/26	10		ChatGPT		(480.00)	
08/24/26	10		Amazon		(53.24)	
08/25/26	10		JCE CO-OP		(214.99)	
08/26/26	10		Deposit		7,184.05	
09/02/26	10		Google Workspace		(16.80)	
09/02/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(2,392.38)	
09/03/26	10050		Carroll County Transit		(433.13)	
09/03/26	10051		Carroll County Transit		(1,254.39)	
09/03/26	10052		Carroll County Transit		(780.00)	
09/11/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(2,350.00)	
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		(798.55)	
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		(798.55)	
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		(798.55)	
09/24/26	10		USPS		(3.96)	
09/24/26	10056		Ronda Rathje		(577.68)	
09/24/26	10057		Wayne Leonard		(548.80)	
09/25/26	10		deposit		36,864.21	
09/25/26	10		JCE CO-OP		(214.99)	
09/29/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(2,858.24)	
			Totals for 102		92,518.54	101,825.21
128 Property Tax Receivable				0.00		
08/01/26	10		July deposit recognized in August		(50,430.87)	
08/01/26	10		June deposit recognized in August		(23,347.27)	
08/01/26	10		Property Tax Receivable		120,000.00	
08/26/26	10		Deposit		(7,184.05)	
09/25/26	10		deposit		(36,864.21)	
			Totals for 128		2,173.60	2,173.60
228 Accrued FUTA/SUTA				(72.26)		
			Totals for 228		0.00	(72.26)
229 Accrued FICA/SS				(356.16)		
08/04/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(582.44)	
08/17/26	10		Internal Revenue Service		762.86	
08/18/26	10		Illinois Department of Revenue		12.62	
08/18/26	10		Illinois Department of Revenue		224.44	
08/19/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(561.11)	
09/02/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(621.26)	
09/11/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(611.27)	
09/29/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		(788.03)	
			Totals for 229		(2,164.19)	(2,520.35)

CARROLL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE
General Ledger
August 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

Date	Reference	Journal	Description	Beginning Balance	Current Amount	Period End Balance
238 Deffered County Tax Revenue				0.00		
08/01/26	10		Property Tax Receivable		(120,000.00)	
08/31/26	10		County Tax Revenue		10,000.00	
09/30/26	10		County Tax Revenue		10,000.00	
			Totals for 238		(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)
251 Net assets				(8,878.25)		
			Totals for 251		0.00	(8,878.25)
301 Revenue- County Tax Deposit				0.00		
08/31/26	10		County Tax Revenue		(10,000.00)	
09/30/26	10		County Tax Revenue		(10,000.00)	
			Totals for 301		(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)
507 Administrative				0.00		
08/03/26	10		Staples		59.69	
08/03/26	10		Amazon		26.61	
08/06/26	10040		IACVAC		975.00	
08/21/26	10		USPS		1.98	
08/24/26	10		ChatGPT		480.00	
08/24/26	10		Amazon		53.24	
09/24/26	10		USPS		3.96	
			Totals for 507		1,600.48	1,600.48
525.3 Dues and subscriptions				0.00		
08/03/26	10		Google Workplace		16.80	
09/02/26	10		Google Workspace		16.80	
			Totals for 525.3		33.60	33.60
529 Internet				0.00		
08/25/26	10		JCE CO-OP		214.99	
09/25/26	10		JCE CO-OP		214.99	
			Totals for 529		429.98	429.98
565 Training & Mileage				0.00		
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		798.55	
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		798.55	
09/21/26	10		Holiday Inn		798.55	
09/24/26	10056		Ronda Rathje		577.68	
09/24/26	10057		Wayne Leonard		548.80	
			Totals for 565		3,522.13	3,522.13
569 Transportation Assistance				0.00		
08/11/26	10041		Carroll County Transit		1,676.30	
08/11/26	10042		Carroll County Transit		1,496.26	
08/11/26	10043		Carroll County Transit		952.00	
09/03/26	10050		Carroll County Transit		433.13	
09/03/26	10051		Carroll County Transit		1,254.39	
09/03/26	10052		Carroll County Transit		780.00	
			Totals for 569		6,592.08	6,592.08
574 Payroll Expense				0.00		
08/04/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		204.08	
08/19/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		199.04	
09/02/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		214.15	
09/11/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		210.43	
09/29/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		259.12	

Date	Reference	Journal	Description	Beginning Balance	Current Amount	Period End Balance
			Totals for 574		1,086.82	1,086.82
575 Wages				0.00		
08/04/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		2,667.80	
08/19/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		2,601.68	
09/02/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		2,799.49	
09/11/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		2,750.84	
09/29/26	PAYROLL		Payroll Journal Entry		3,387.15	
			Totals for 575		14,206.96	14,206.96
			Report Total			0.00

Net Profit/(Loss)

Current Period	(5,846.58)
Year-to-Date	(7,472.05)

Distribution count = 83

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 @ 7 pm at Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

Meeting was called to order by Lee Gibbs at 7:01 pm. Invocation was given by Ellis Boughton. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Roll call was taken. Present were Lee Gibbs, Ellis Boughton, Lamoille Poffenberger, Joe Drozd, Kevin Hovorka, Ernie Johnson, Nelson Preston, Susan Jacobs, Anthony Barker, Laurel Bergren, Gerald Yoeckel, Wayne Leonard, Doug Bergren, and Ronda Rathje.

Two additions were made to the agenda. Pay raises and the Veteran's Grant. A motion was made by Anthony Barker and seconded by Joe Drozd to accept the additions. Joe Drozd and seconded by Nelson Preston to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Wayne Leonard. He supplied a packet with all the journal entries from the beginning of our fiscal year, August 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Discussion was held to explain the new format. Wayne will see about changing the format so that it is easier to read. Wayne explained that at the next meeting we would have the final audit. A motion was made by Anthony Barker to accept the financial statement pending the final yearly audit. Seconded by Joe Drozd. Motion carried

Old Business:

- Girl who wanted to intern did not show.
- Credit cards were not cancelled as reported in last meeting. Officially cancelled as of June 10, 2026.
- Ellis is no longer bonded. Cost remains the same. Lee thought it would be a good idea to shop around for better pricing. Lee said he would contact State Farm.
- All delegate/alternate forms have been turned in for the new fiscal year.
- New officers take office at meeting.
    - President – Lee Gibbs
    - Vice President – Kevin Hovorka
    - Sgt at Arms –Joe Drozd
    - FOIA Officer – Ernie Johnson

New Business:

- Nominate/Vote for Chaplain – Ernie Johnson nominated Ellis Boughton. Motion was made by Ernie Johnson and seconded by Nelson Preston. Motion carried.

- New logo for CCVAC was presented. Motion was made by Joe Drozd to accept the new logo. Anthony Barker seconded. Motion carried.

- Approve new bylaws for CCVAC – new bylaws were emailed for everyone to read before meeting. We needed current bylaws to be in compliance with the MVAA act and the IACVAC. If approved, each officer and each post would receive a copy. Discussion was held as to what if there were changes that needed to be made. Wayne advised that amendments could be made as we go along. Joe Drozd made a motion to accept the new bylaws, and Anthony Barker seconded the motion. Vote was taken – 7 ayes, no nays, 1 missing. Motion carried.

- Training for ALL board members – a how-to was passed out to everyone that listed the classes to complete by October 28, 2026. Please bring in completion certificate or we will be non-compliant.

- Illinois Lottery Veterans' Cash Grant (added to the agenda) – Ronda explained that she found a grant from the State of Illinois that we could apply for. This grant would only cover our transportation costs. She needs permission to submit it. She passed out a grant template letter to assist each post to write a letter in support of this grant. She needs the letters by Friday, Aug 7th. ...Aug 10th at the very latest. Anthony Barker made a motion to allow Ronda to submit the grant, and Joe Drozd seconded it. Vote was taken – 7 ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

- Pay raises for the 2026-2027 fiscal year (added to the agenda) – Discussion was held and it was decided on a 3% raise across the board. Motion was made by Joe Drozd to accept the 3% pay raise and seconded Lamoille Poffenberger. Vote was taken – 6 ayes, 1 recused, no nays, 1 missing. Motion carried.

- 2027 Budget – vote on it/sign it – Discussion was help explaining that we were asking for 0.26% of Carroll County's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of $600,890,898. This would amount to $156,300.00 to continue to provide services for our veterans. This justification for the funding needed would be presented to the county board. If approved, this justification would be presented to the county board at our presentation time on August 6, 2026 @ 4 pm. A motion was made by Joe Drozd to accept the budget as is and Anthony Barker seconded. A vote was taken – 7 ayes and no nays with 1 missing. Motion carried.

- 2026-2027 Budget Resolution – vote on it/sign it - The resolution no. 2026-02 was read. If approved, this resolution, along with our justification, would be presented to the county board at our presentation time on August 6, 2026 @ 4 pm. A motion to accept

the resolution was made by Joe Drozd and seconded by Anthony Barker. Vote was taken – 7 ayes, no nays, and 1 missing.

Wayne Leonard gave the Superintendent's Report. He advised that there were a lot of scams out there so veterans should be very leery of what they get via text message, email, or regular mail. Wayne asked that each post share it with their members.

Board President Lee Gibbs stated that rules need to be in place so that there is no talking when someone else is talking as this creates lots of confusion and loud voices. A plaque of appreciation was given to Ellis Boughton for his many years of service to the Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission. Thank you, Ellis!!!

Discussion was held to welcome new representatives, Laurel Bergren and Gerald Yoeckel.

No public comments were offered.

No executive session was called or held.

President Lee Gibbs asked Ellis Boughton for an invocation, which he gave.

Motion for adjournment was made by Joe Drozd and seconded by Anthony Barker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2026 @ 7 pm at Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

Meeting was called to order by Lee Gibbs at 6:59 pm. Invocation was given by Ellis Boughton. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Roll call was taken. Present were Lee Gibbs, Ellis Boughton, Lamoille Poffenberger, Kevin Hovorka, Nelson Preston, Susan Jacobs, Anthony Barker, Rod Clemens, Kevin Melancon, Ric Cass, Wayne Leonard, and Ronda Rathje, along with 29 guests.

Agenda approval: A motion was made by Anthony Barker and seconded by Kevin Melancon. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Veterans Transportation Services**

  Discussion regarding the current and future provision of transportation services for Carroll County veterans, including:
  - The current operation and effectiveness of veterans transportation services.
  - The transportation needs of Carroll County veterans, including transportation to VA medical facilities and other authorized destinations.
  - Potential actions or proposed changes by Carroll County affecting the administration, operation, funding, restructuring, or transfer of veterans transportation services.
  - The possible transfer or transition of veterans transportation services to a public transportation, mass-transit, or other transportation provider.
  - The potential effects of a transfer or restructuring on veterans, including availability, accessibility, scheduling, reliability, service area, continuity of service, and accommodations for veterans with disabilities or mobility limitations.
  - Options available to the Veterans Assistance Commission to preserve and maintain the current veterans transportation program.
  - Contingency plans and alternative transportation options available to the Commission if Carroll County proceeds with transferring, restructuring, or materially changing veterans transportation services.

Communication and coordination with the Carroll County Board, County officials, transportation providers, veterans organizations, and other appropriate entities concerning veterans transportation services.

Much discussion was held from the members of the VAC board along with the general public. Alicia Kness and Susan Jacobs took questions and answered. Many voiced their opinions about transit.

- **Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution regarding Veterans Transportation Services.**

  Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a resolution regarding the **preservation, continuity, and protection of transportation services for Carroll County veterans**, including the Commission's position concerning:

  - Preservation and continuation of the existing veterans transportation program.
    Potential transfer, discontinuation, or restructuring of veterans transportation services.
  - Protection against a reduction or interruption in transportation services available to Carroll County veterans.
  - Development and evaluation of contingency plans and alternative transportation arrangements.
  - Authorization for appropriate Commission representatives to communicate and advocate regarding veterans transportation services.

After reading Resolution No: 2026-04, it was decided that this should be presented to the Carroll County Board in support of Carroll County Transit. A motion to accept and present said resolution was made by Anthony Barker and Rod Clemens seconded it. After roll call vote of 5 ayes, no nays, and 3 posts absent, the motion carried.

No executive session was called or held.

President Lee Gibbs asked Ellis Boughton for an invocation, which he gave.

Motion for adjournment was made by Anthony Barker and seconded by Kevin Melancon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Carroll County Extension - May - October 2026

Quarterly Report

ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Lifelong Learning. Lifelong Impact.

Illinois Extension bridges university research and local action, empowering Carroll County through science-based education, youth development, and regional leadership. Carroll County 4-H lead this mission, sending a record 21 qualifiers to the Illinois State Fair, launching an inaugural Open House with a service initiative, and raising $600 at Culver's Share Night. Extension staff also extended real-world science into local schools and camps—teaching stream ecology to 2nd graders, training YMCA Camp Benson counselors, and leading 100+ students in Outdoor Ag Day water conservation experiments.

For adults and community leaders, Extension delivers practical solutions to strengthen health and local economies. The Homegrown Healthy series equiped Sauk Valley families with sustainable gardening and nutrition skills, while WellRounded Horticulture workshops and Coffee & Community events fostered environmental stewardship. Through these interconnected efforts, Illinois Extension remains an indispensable local resource, directly enhancing the everyday lives, economic strength, and future potential of Carroll County residents.

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Extension Mission Moment

At Illinois Extension, we are committed to supporting the growth and success of individuals and communities in Carroll County. Through engaging programs, educational resources, and hands-on experiences, we help people build skills, gain confidence, and improve their well-being. By partnering with volunteers, neighbors, and local organizations, we strengthen community bonds and foster positive, lasting change.

Extension in Action











Empowering Classrooms and Minds with The West Carroll STEAAM Hub

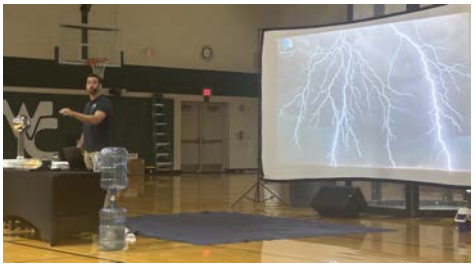




Preparing for a dynamic autumn began early in May when Illinois Extension staff met directly with Carroll County educators to gather their classroom wish lists and collaboratively plan impactful programs for the upcoming school year. Through early summer, staff carefully collected and vetted material requests from educators, laying the groundwork for in-school enrichment and K–12 classroom support across the West Carroll school district.



That preparation paid immediate dividends on August 13, when the first major delivery of over $5,500 in requested educational tools arrived in classrooms. Teachers received graphing calculators, math manipulatives, and creative art supplies. The immediate payoff was clear in West Carroll High School, where math teacher Kim Krogull reported that the new graphing calculators allowed her Pre-Calculus and Statistics students to take units home while leaving enough behind for other classes to use during the school day.



The support expanded even further on September 17 with the delivery of more than $12,000 in specialized LEGO science kits to first and second-grade teachers. These comprehensive kits feature building bricks, motors, and detailed lesson plans aligned directly with state standards, giving young learners hands-on exposure to basic engineering concepts. Additional specialized tools, including podcasting equipment for speech classes and monitors for high school physical education, are also on the way to further broaden student opportunities.



Hands-on learning reached a high point on October 28 when the Storm Science team visited West Carroll THUNDER students in third through fifth grades. Led by meteorologist "Tornado Nick," who reminded students that "When thunder roars, head indoors!", youth observed an indoor cloud form in real time, saw a working tornado chamber, and stepped inside Vortex-1, a mobile research vehicle used to track real Midwest tornadoes.

Looking toward the colder months, Extension staff are currently organizing follow-up weather activities for December. Investing in these hands-on STEAM initiatives directly advances the county's operational goals for youth leadership and workforce development by equipping local students with the technical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills necessary to thrive in tomorrow's regional economy.

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Bridging the Gap: Teen Teachers Lead the Way in Carroll County





This past May, high schoolers from the Chadwick-Milledgeville School District took on meaningful leadership roles by completing dynamic training on youth engagement, instructional preparation, and classroom facilitation. Equipped with strong teaching strategies, these dedicated Teen Teachers immediately put their training into practice by stepping into local elementary classrooms to guide younger students through interactive learning modules.

During these classroom visits, the high school mentors facilitated hands-on activities centered on practical mindfulness techniques, collaborative leadership challenges, and creative art exploration. The experience provided elementary youth with inspiring relatable role models while offering the high schoolers invaluable real-world practice in public speaking, communication, and time management.

Building on the successes of the spring rollout, Illinois Extension is eager to continue and expand the Teen Teacher program this fall. Investing in this cross-age mentorship model nurtures a supportive school environment while directly advancing county goals for youth leadership and workforce readiness by building confidence and career-ready skills in Carroll County's future workforce.

Charting Future Paths: Middle School Career Exploration at Sauk



On October 16, more than 1,400 area youth gathered at Sauk Valley Community College for a daylong exploration of future educational and professional opportunities. Designed to help middle schoolers bridge the gap between classroom learning and future employment, the interactive event introduced youth to diverse career trajectories, higher education options, and essential workforce readiness skills.

Illinois Extension and 4-H staff were on-site to engage students directly through a hands-on, high-energy educational game. Participants took turns spinning the Extension career wheel, answering targeted questions on post-secondary education pathways, job application procedures, interviewing techniques, and financial aid strategies. Extension team members also provided one-on-one career guidance, offering students direct insight into professional opportunities within public service, agriculture, leadership, and community development.

Equipping youth with career exploration opportunities at the eighth-grade level is critical for long-term regional growth. By helping Carroll County students connect their personal interests to real-world career paths early on, this initiative directly strengthens the local workforce pipeline, instilling the confidence, practical knowledge, and ambition needed to guide their upcoming high school choices and future career success.

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Fostering Focus and Innovation: Summer Learning at Eastland



Summer school at Eastland Elementary brought hands-on exploration to students across multiple grade levels through engaging Extension-led enrichment workshops designed to foster fundamental life skills. Younger learners in kindergarten through second grade participated in a four-part Mindful Me series created to build emotional awareness and self-regulation. Throughout the sessions, children practiced sensory-based mindful eating with fresh apples, explored what it means to stay fully present, constructed custom calming jars to manage overwhelming thoughts, and learned strategies for creating quiet mental spaces. When asked which tool they found most helpful, the majority of participants noted they plan to use their calming jars to pause and regain focus before reacting to challenging situations.



Older students tackled problem-solving, technology, and global perspectives through three targeted curriculum tracks. In the Unlock Ag Innovations Escape Bag program, third through sixth graders worked collaboratively in team sessions to solve agricultural puzzles, comparing historic farming implements with cutting-edge modern production technologies. Meanwhile, third and fourth graders embarked on a cultural journey through Passport to the World, sampling authentic regional foods, playing traditional lawn games, creating native art, and streaming live international broadcasts via radio.net to explore Belgium and Greece. Rounding out the summer offerings, fifth and sixth graders took on intensive teamwork challenges—constructing cup pyramids using only rubber bands and string, followed by a collaborative tarp-flipping puzzle—discovering firsthand that clear, open communication is essential for team success.

By integrating emotional intelligence, critical thinking, global awareness, and cooperative problem-solving into early education, these summer programs play a vital role in positive youth development. Empowering young people with self-awareness, adaptability, and effective communication skills builds a resilient foundation for personal achievement and cultivates the thoughtful, innovative leaders of tomorrow.

Inspiring Future Trades: High Schoolers Explore Careers in Elizabeth

High schoolers from across the area gathered in Elizabeth on October 8 for Manufacturing and Trade Day to explore hands-on technical careers. Illinois Extension staff presented an interactive session, Today's Choices, Tomorrow's Realities, using activities like career-focused "Would You Rather?" questions to help students align their personal strengths with trade pathways and discover diverse employment roles within Extension.

This initiative directly supports Carroll County's workforce development goals by introducing youth to high-demand trades before graduation. Connecting students with local industry opportunities builds a skilled talent pipeline, keeping home-grown expertise right here in our regional economy.

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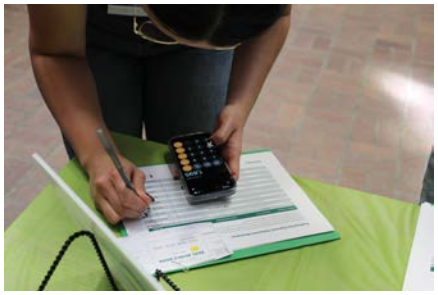
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Students Step into Financial Reality in Welcome to the Real World

On August 28, fifty-five students—including local youth from Carroll County—in the Sauk Valley Community College TRIO program gained a practical look at adulting through Illinois Extension's Welcome to the Real World financial simulation. Held during their fall conference, the interactive session challenged students to navigate monthly budgets, expense tracking, and real-life financial trade-offs as they begin their higher education journeys. Hearing practical reflections like "How much does that cost? Do I really need to have a savings account?" underscored the immediate value of bringing these financial decisions to life.



By practicing these critical life skills in a risk-free environment, local youth gain essential financial literacy early on, empowering them to avoid costly debt, build sustainable habits, and make confident career and lifestyle decisions as independent adults. This hands-on experience directly supports regional workforce development by connecting career choices with cost-of-living realities, preparing Carroll County's future workers to manage personal finances responsibly as they transition into the local economy.



To kick off the exercise, participants completed a career interest survey to assign them realistic prospective salaries based on their preferred fields. Armed with a single month's income and an expense tracking sheet, students navigated eight interactive stations to select options for housing, transportation, food, and emergency savings. Upon completing the simulation, participants reflected on how their choices impacted their bottom line and identified smarter strategies to apply when living independently away from family.



Feedback from the event highlighted how deeply the experience resonated with attendees. One student shared that they appreciated getting an idea of how their future might look while learning to make smart financial choices. Others noted the value of understanding how a career directly connects to daily financial life, as well as getting a realistic preview of life after Sauk when living away from home.



The event represented a major multi-county collaboration for Illinois Extension. Eight Extension staff members partnered directly with the Sauk TRIO program to facilitate the session. Additionally, seven Extension team members from Cook County observed and assisted during the event to gain insights for launching the Welcome to the Real World program within their own communities.

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Building Workplace Readiness Early: Youth Complete Babysitting Certification



First jobs often lay the groundwork for lifelong professionalism and area youth took a major step toward career readiness on October 3 by completing the Caring Kids, Confident Sitters workshop offered by Illinois Extension at Sauk Valley Community College's College for Kids. Through interactive, hands-on instruction, participants transformed their interest in childcare into practical qualifications, developing the confidence and technical skills required to operate as safe, reliable entrepreneurs within their local neighborhoods.



The comprehensive curriculum introduced participants to key concepts in child development, behavior guidance, and age-appropriate activity planning. Youth gained direct practical experience by practicing safe infant holding techniques, learning proper diapering procedures, and mastering critical food safety protocols—such as identifying and mitigating choking hazards by properly preparing foods like grapes, hotdogs, and cherry tomatoes. Beyond basic caregiving, attendees explored how to structure engaging learning experiences that support early childhood milestones while maintaining a secure environment.

Beyond immediate babysitting opportunities, this workshop serves as an entry point for early career exploration and workforce development. By managing client expectations, practicing safety leadership, and adhering to professional standards, young people gain foundational experience in business ethics, time management, and accountability—transferable workplace skills that set the stage for future success in education, healthcare, early childhood instruction, and customer service.

Leading Local Conservation: Extension Coordinates Oak Savanna Restoration



Demonstrating its commitment to environmental stewardship, the Illinois Extension spearheaded a major local conservation milestone on May 8 by coordinating the planting of 25 additional oak trees at Old Mill Park in Savanna. This effort brought the total number of native oaks established in the park's Oak Savanna restoration zone to 75 trees. Extension staff served as the driving force behind the project, uniting key regional partners including the Savanna Park District, the Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District, and local Scouts of America to execute the planting initiative.

Through Extension's leadership and technical expertise in natural resources management, the multi-agency project addresses critical environmental priorities across Carroll County. Restoring native oak canopy directly mitigates soil erosion, enhances local wildlife habitats, and increases eco-system resilience within public green spaces.

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Specialized 4-H Skill Workshops Empower Carroll County Youth



Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, Illinois Extension provided Carroll County 4-H members with immersive, skill-specific workshops designed to turn personal interests into practical expertise. From animal science and equine care to public communications and electrical safety, local youth engaged in targeted learning experiences that built technical competence, sportsmanship, and leadership skills across the county.



Small-animal and livestock projects featured intensive hands-on instruction to prepare youth for competition and real-world care. Starting in May, ten local youth joined weekly dog obedience sessions at Point Rock Park in Mount Carroll with a professional trainer from Barnyard Dog Training, mastering handling techniques, canine anatomy, gear identification, and basic first aid in preparation for a July skill-a-thon and county dog show that introduced a new Rally class. Meanwhile, rabbit and poultry members gathered on May 27 to study proper grooming, health checks, and showmanship techniques. In the swine project area, Carroll and Whiteside County members competed in the 2nd annual Swine Skill-a-Thon for the Outstanding Swine Exhibitor Award, demonstrating their knowledge across feed sample analysis, equipment identification, cuts of meat, and breed recognition.



Equine enthusiasts benefited from consistent, high-level training all season long through weekly horse clinics led by varied guest trainers. Attracting a steady group of dedicated riders—and welcoming two new 4-H families to the program—the clinics culminated in the joint Whiteside/Carroll 4-H Horse Show on July 9, a season-ending ride clinic and skill-a-thon on October 4, and an overnight Boots N Spurs Horse Camp on July 25–26. At camp, youth explored barn management, gymkhana maneuvers, and equine first aid. Beyond animal science, members broadened their skill sets through unique community-partnered learning: a hands-on electrical safety demonstration hosted with Jo-Carroll Energy featured a live hotline simulator, while 4-H Federation members learned media production by writing and recording fair promotional spots on-air at WCCI radio station in Savanna. Combined with civic volunteer work like the Thomson Club's service at the Savanna Haunted Theater, these specialized workshops ensure Carroll County youth gain practical, career-ready skills that extend far beyond the fairgrounds.



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Exploring Nature's Palette: Youth Connect Art and Outdoors in Savanna



Summer creativity came to life at Old Mill Park in Savanna during Illinois Extension's Art in the Park workshop series this past June. Designed to blend outdoor exploration with hands-on artistic expression, each session encouraged participants to interact with their natural environment in creative, meaningful ways.

Every workshop began with a guided hike through the park, where youth gathered natural materials to serve as the foundation for their daily projects. Day one challenged participants to invent "nature's paintbrushes" using foliage and grass to craft unique textures on canvas. On day two, youth constructed intricate stick sculptures from fallen twigs and bark. The series concluded with a nature mosaic session, where participants embedded gathered flora and natural treasures into air-dry clay designs. By integrating physical activity, environmental observation, and artistic design, the series provided local youth with a rewarding space to deepen their appreciation for the outdoors while exploring creative techniques.

Cultivating Curiosity: Plant a Seed, Read at Mt. Carroll Library

This summer, young readers and budding gardeners in Mount Carroll joined Illinois Extension for an engaging four-session educational series titled Plant a Seed, Read, hosted at the Mount Carroll Public Library. Developed through Illinois State 4-H, the program combined early childhood literacy with hands-on botanical science, introducing children to the wonders of plant growth and nature through interactive storytelling and practical planting activities.

Each weekly gathering paired a nature-themed storybook reading with an applied science lesson, allowing participants to explore seeds, soil, and the life cycle of plants. Using comprehensive 4-H curriculum materials, children put their new knowledge into action by planting their own seeds to take home and care for, directly connecting written concepts to real-world biology. By fostering both reading comprehension and scientific curiosity in an accessible community setting, this collaboration helped cultivate foundational learning habits, environmental awareness, and a lifelong appreciation for agriculture and literacy among local youth.

4-H Brings Fall Fun to Mt. Carroll Pumpkin Fest

Mt. Carroll's annual Pumpkin Fest featured autumn cheer on October 31 as Illinois Extension and local 4-H members hosted family-friendly activities during the community celebration.

Festival-goers gathered at the 4-H booth to paint pumpkins and take home personalized art projects. Extension staff and 4-H volunteers also led interactive games and awarded prizes to local youth. By participating in regional traditions like Pumpkin Fest, Carroll County 4-H continues to strengthen community ties and foster positive youth engagement across the county.

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Celebrating Success: Strong Showing at County and State Fairs



The summer fair season proved to be a resounding success for Carroll County 4-H, showcasing the dedication, hard work, and technical mastery of local youth. At the Carroll County Fair, livestock project areas experienced impressive growth, with notable increases in beef, swine, goat, and sheep entries. General project exhibition numbers remained strong and steady, reflecting the broad array of non-livestock interest areas youth explore throughout the year. While rabbit and poultry numbers saw a minor dip, this transition follows the graduation of 12 dedicated 4-H seniors last year—including four long-time rabbit and poultry project leaders whose contributions left a lasting legacy on the local program.

Carroll County's momentum carried straight to Springfield, resulting in a record-breaking presence at the Illinois State Fair. A program-best 21 local 4-H members qualified and represented the county on the state stage. Exhibiting alongside the top youth from across Illinois, Carroll County participants earned top honors, bringing home four prestigious Inspire Awards—which recognize exceptional creativity, innovation, and skill—along with one Reserve Champion title. These achievements highlight the strength of Carroll County's youth development programs and the bright future of its young leaders.

Welcoming New Families: Carroll County 4-H Hosts First Annual Open House



Carroll County 4-H opened its doors to prospective members and community families on September 30 by hosting its first-ever Open House at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. Designed to showcase the wide array of hands-on learning opportunities available across the county, the event brought together approximately 30 attendees and featured interactive booths highlighting local 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) Clubs. Attendees participated in live animal demonstrations where youth members shared their first-hand knowledge on animal care, showmanship, and project responsibilities. The event proved an immediate success, directly welcoming six new youth into the Carroll County 4-H program.

In addition to project exhibitions, the Open House featured a special community partnership with the Alley Cat Project. Event participants learned about responsible pet ownership and the ecological impact of trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs in managing local stray populations. Putting lessons directly into practice, youth built outdoor insulated cat shelters to protect community cats during the upcoming winter months. Demonstrating the lasting impact of this partnership, one local 4-H community club has already scheduled the Alley Cat Project for an upcoming meeting to explore further civic engagement and service-learning opportunities across the county.

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Extension Delivers Environmental Science at YMCA Camp Benson



Environmental science and hands-on discovery took center stage at YMCA Camp Benson in Mount Carroll this May through a dual-impact partnership between the Illinois Extension and the Sterling-Rock Falls YMCA. Combining youth field education with professional staff development, Extension educators delivered immersive environmental programming designed to build scientific literacy for students and enhance leadership skills for camp staff.

On May 14, 86 second-grade students and parents from Jefferson Elementary School in Sterling visited the camp for an end-of-the-year field trip. Extension staff led an interactive session on aquatic macroinvertebrates, teaching students active water sampling techniques to collect and identify living organisms in their larval stages. By analyzing species diversity, students learned how scientists evaluate stream health and water quality, directly connecting classroom concepts to real-world ecological research.

To amplify the impact of these outdoor learning experiences, Extension staff also conducted a comprehensive five-hour environmental education training for 11 YMCA Camp Benson counselors-in-training, led by Extension Educator Molly. The interactive session focused on game-based instruction that counselors can easily weave into daily camp routines. Training topics included habitat ecology, native Illinois wildlife, tree identification, macroinvertebrate sampling, and strategies for keeping campers engaged during nature hikes. By equipping camp counselors with strong instructional tools and practical science knowledge, this collaboration ensures long-term educational value for regional youth while setting the foundation for expanded program partnerships in future seasons.

Connecting Local Roots: Extension Hosts Coffee & Community at Davis Community Center

Illinois Extension staff gathered with local residents at the Davis Community Center in Mount Carroll on August 26 for an informal Coffee & Community outreach event. Designed to foster open conversation and accessible learning, the morning session provided community members with an opportunity to connect directly with Extension staff, ask questions, and discover upcoming educational programs serving Carroll County.

Focusing on local environmental stewardship and land conservation, staff shared practical resources on native plant species and their role in supporting pollinators, soil health, and eco system balance. To help residents put conservation into action in their own backyards, attendees received free packets of native seeds to take home and plant. By combining casual dialogue with actionable natural resource education, events like Coffee & Community strengthen local partnerships and empower residents to contribute to Carroll County's ecological vitality.

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Protecting Our Water: Hands-On Science at Outdoor Ag Day



Over 100 Carroll County students gathered at the Ogle County Fairgrounds on September 3 for Carroll/Ogle Agriculture Day, engaging in interactive natural resource education led by Illinois Extension staff. Educators Martha Ebbesmeyer and Bruce Black guided youth through hands-on simulations exploring water availability, conservation practices, and the vital role water plays across agricultural and daily life.

During the sessions, students examined real-world water use, identifying sources of fresh water and practical strategies to reduce waste at home. To understand nutrient management and soil protection, youth participated in a lawn fertilizer experiment that simulated three distinct precipitation events: a gentle rain, a standard thunderstorm, and a heavy "gully washer." By testing how nutrients react under varying rainfall intensities, students discovered that applying fertilizer during mild precipitation allows nutrients to absorb properly into the soil, whereas severe storms cause runoff and erosion. Complementing the fertilizer experiment, staff facilitated six interactive water filtration workshops, allowing students to design filtration systems while learning the importance of protecting clean water supplies for humans, livestock, and local wildlife across Carroll County.

Homegrown Healthy Program Empowers Sauk Valley Families

Throughout the summer, llinois Extension addressed local food and nutrition security through its comprehensive 10-week Homegrown Healthy initiative in the Sauk Valley. Led by Horticulture Educator Bruce Black and Extension Program Coordinator Jan Saglier, the multi-month program provided local residents with hands-on skills in home gardening, culinary nutrition, natural resource conservation, and food preservation.

Participants gained practical experience in community garden management, learning first-hand how to adapt to environmental challenges such as unexpected weather and wildlife disruption. Culinary sessions introduced inventive ways to prepare fresh produce—incorporating ingredients like beets into chocolate cake, cauliflower into lower-sodium salads, and exploring lesser-known vegetables like fennel, parsnip, and jicama. To maximize household food budgets, staff shared cost-effective strategies, including making custom salt-free seasoning blends, popping bulk popcorn in paper bags, and applying proper techniques for harvesting, washing, freezing, canning, and pickling home-grown produce.

As the series concluded in August, the curriculum expanded to home resource conservation and fall preparedness. Staff delivered practical guidance on rainwater harvesting, rain garden design for runoff control, energy-saving winterization tips, and safe practices for bringing house plants indoors. By connecting sustainable gardening practices directly to kitchen utility and household economics, Illinois Extension equipped local families with long-term tools to improve nutritional access and self-reliance.

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Discovering Plant Science Through Floral Design and Seasonal Traditions



llinois Extension's WellRounded Horticulture series connected creative art with plant science through engaging, interactive workshops led by Horticulture Educator Bruce Black.

In July, participants gathered for a hands-on session centered on the art and mechanics of cut flower arranging, featuring fresh blooms donated by Behrz Blooms of Sterling. Beyond building custom arrangements, attendees explored core design principles, applying color and texture theory alongside the classic "thriller, filler, and spiller" composition method. The workshop also highlighted practical floral design techniques, such as arranging stems in odd-numbered groupings (3, 5, or 7) to create visual balance and depth.



The series took a seasonal turn in October with Halloween Horticulture, diving into the rich cultural history and folklore of plants. Participants explored ancient traditions, including the original Irish Jack-o'-Lanterns carved from turnips to ward off spirits. Bringing history to life, attendees carved both pumpkins and turnips while discussing pumpkin cultivation, root crop care, and home plant diagnostics. The interactive format sparked fresh culinary interest, with several participants tasting turnips for the first time and discussing ways to incorporate root vegetables into everyday meals. By blending practical gardening knowledge with cultural history and hands-on crafting, the WellRounded Horticulture series continues to provide accessible, enriching community education.

Extension Educator Shares Seasonal Gardening Advice on "Along The Rock" Podcast



Sauk Valley area gardeners can tune into monthly educational segments featuring Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black on the Along the Rock podcast. Broadcasting via The Radar Free Press, Black addresses timely horticultural topics, answers listener questions, and offers practical strategies for managing local weather challenges, such as navigating heavy spring rainfall and mitigating extreme summer heat.

Due to popular demand, a recent segment on container gardening expanded into a dedicated two-part series, covering everything from proper soil selection to vessel drainage. Extension's monthly educational features are available online at theradar.online or on YouTube at youtube.com/@radarfreepress.

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Strengthening Regional Growth: Extension Drives Civic Leadership and Economic Planning

Through strategic regional partnerships and ongoing leadership development, Illinois Extension's Community and Economic Development (CED) team continues to support local government officials and community leaders across Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties.

In July, CED Educator Mike Delany represented Extension at the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council's (BHRC) quarterly development committee meeting, led by Executive Director Daniel Payette. The regional gathering brought together economic development professionals to address key priorities across Northwest Illinois, including housing shortages, active transportation and trail planning, capital improvement initiatives, and grant funding support. During roundtable discussions, Delany highlighted Extension's Local Government Education resources—such as specialized webinars on emerging trends like data center development—to help regional stakeholders make informed, coordinated decisions.

Beyond regional planning, Extension provides practical education for elected and appointed county officials through the annual Leadership Academy, hosted in partnership with the United Counties Council of Illinois. Held on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign, the intensive five-day program equips a select cohort of 30 leaders with practical tools to navigate current municipal challenges. Local leaders from across the area participated in this year's fully funded academy.

Complementing in-person training, Extension's ongoing webinar series—including recent sessions on rural business transitions and energy resilience—offers accessible, on-demand learning for civic leaders across the region. Local officials interested in upcoming Leadership Academy cohorts or on-demand educational webinars are encouraged to contact County Director Karla Belzer.

Community Support in Action: Carroll County 4-H Partners with Culver's for Share Night

Carroll County 4-H teamed up with Culver's in Rock Falls on October 13 for a dedicated Share Night, bringing together families, volunteers, and local supporters for an evening of community engagement.



Thanks to strong turnout and community generosity, the event successfully raised $600. A portion of all dining sales throughout the evening went directly toward supporting Carroll County 4-H programs, helping fund hands-on youth projects, educational workshops, and leadership opportunities across the county. Local share nights highlight the vital community partnerships that sustain 4-H outreach, giving families a simple way to directly invest in local youth development. Carroll County Extension and 4-H express sincere appreciation to Culver's of Rock Falls and all the community members who came out to show their support.

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Carroll County 4-H Leaders Inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

Greg and Annette Gruhn have been recognized for their decades of dedication and service to youth through their induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame for Carroll County.



Both Greg and Annette began their 4-H journeys as youth members. Greg grew up in the Lanark Larkers 4-H Club, where he developed an interest in the beef industry. Annette participated in the Belle Plain Hustlers 4-H Club and Marshall-Putnam 4-H Federation, serving in leadership roles and representing Illinois at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Their early experiences helped shape a lifelong commitment to 4-H and youth development.

After marrying in 1985, the couple continued their involvement as adult volunteers. Alongside Brian and Sharon Witt, they led the Lanark Clever Clovers 4-H Club for 21 years, helping generations of young people develop leadership skills, build confidence, and explore their interests.

Their contributions extend well beyond club leadership. Greg and Annette have devoted decades to the Carroll County Beef Committee and 4-H Building Committee and continue to serve on the Beef Committee. They are also active in the Carroll County Youth in Agriculture Foundation, which supports local youth through the annual 4-H auction and scholarships. In 2025, the foundation awarded nine scholarships to area youth. Annette has also volunteered for more than 30 years as a ring leader at the multi-county livestock judging contest, mentoring younger participants as they develop their skills and confidence.

The Gruhns' commitment to agriculture and youth development also extends to the Illinois State Fair, where they sponsor the Senior Beef Showmanship Awards each year in memory of Annette's mother, Montie Schumacher. Their family has been part of the 4-H tradition as well, with their son, Tyler, completing ten years as a 4-H member.

Greg and Annette believe the value of 4-H goes far beyond ribbons and awards. They emphasize that young people gain lifelong leadership skills, learn the importance of volunteering, and discover ways to make their communities better places to live and raise families.

Their induction into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame recognizes not only their individual accomplishments but also the lasting impact of their volunteer service and commitment to Carroll County youth. Illinois Extension congratulates Greg and Annette Gruhn on this well-deserved recognition and thanks them for the generations of young people they have encouraged and supported through 4-H.

Thank you Greg and Annette for your service to Carroll County 4-H!

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RES#	Account	Type	Account Name	Parcel#	Total Collected	County Clerk	Auctioneer	Recorder/ Sec of State	Agent	Misc/ Overpmt	Treasurer
11-26-001	0826012P	SAL	MELVIN GIBSON SR	08-07-10-119-001	825.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	450.00	0.00	300.00
11-26-002	0826070P	SAL	ONIVABKHENA OSADOLOR	04-04-11-417-083	825.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	450.00	0.00	300.00
11-26-003	0826072P	SAL	ONIVABKHENA OSADOLOR	01-05-06-225-013	825.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	450.00	0.00	300.00
11-26-004	0826085P	SAL	MSRE 2 LLC	01-05-07-331-077	825.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	450.00	0.00	300.00
				Totals	**$3,300.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$300.00**	**$1,800.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,200.00**

Clerk Fees	**$0.00**
Recorder/Sec of State Fees	**$300.00**
Total to County	**$1,500.00**

Committee Members

State of Illinois
Before the County Board of Carroll County
Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMPENSATION FOR
THE OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF

WHEREAS, in accordance with 55 ILCS 5/3-6007.5, the salary of a sheriff in a non-home rule county shall not be less than 80% of the salary set for the State's Attorney under Section 4-2001; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois sets the salaries for all County State's Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 55 ILCS 5/3-6007.5, the State shall furnish 66 2/3% of the total annual salary to be paid to a sheriff. Said amounts furnished by the State shall be payable monthly by the Department of Revenue out of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund or the General Revenue Fund to the county in which the sheriff is elected or appointed. The county shall furnish 33 1/3% of the total annual salary; and

WHEREAS, in accordance 55 ILCS 5/4-6003(d) in addition to salary, and subject to appropriation, each sheriff, for his or her additional duties imposed by other statutes or laws, shall receive an annual stipend to be paid by the Illinois Department of Revenue out of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund. That stipend shell be set and paid according to 55 ILCS 5/4-6003(d); and

WHEREAS, Carroll County Resolution 0522-14, passed May 19, 2022, provided that the County pay the sheriff's salary pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-6007.5, for Fiscal Years, 2023 through 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY, ILLNOIS, effective December 1, 2026, that compensation for the County Sheriff shall be set and paid according to 55 ILCS 5/3-6007.5 as amended, or any successor statute or recodified provision thereof. Such compensation shall be paid in accordance with the standard payroll practices of Carroll County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, the Sheriff's salary shall be modified to correspond with 55 ILCS 5/3-6007.5 and any changes to the State's Attorney salary. Such modifications

shall be set on the effective date of the annual salary adjustment of the State's Attorney salary as determined by the State of Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, subject to appropriation and payment by the State of Illinois, the annual stipend shall be provided to the Sheriff pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/4-6003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, the Sheriff be offered the County's Health Insurance Plan(s). The Sheriff's contribution shall be equal to the contributions made by employees of Carroll County and determined each of the above fiscal years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all references to specific state statutes, codes, or regulations herein shall include any subsequent amendments, renumbering, updates, or successor legislation enacted by the State legislature.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2026 by the County Board of Carroll County.

_____
Chair

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of Carroll)

I, Amy Buss, County Clerk for Carroll County, State of Illinois, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was passed by the Carroll County Board at its regular monthly meeting held at Mt. Carroll, Illinois and the date aforesaid in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my office at Mt. Carroll, Illinois this _____ day of _____, A.D. 2026.

[Seal]

_____

Amy Buss
Carroll County Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to State's Attorneys in Counties containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are defined and enumerated in the "State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act", 725 ILCS 210/1 et seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly appropriates monies for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, one-third from the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund and two-thirds from the General Revenue Fund, provided that such funding receives approval and support from the respective Counties eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall administer the operation of the appellate offices so as to insure that all participating State's Attorneys continue to have final authority in preparation, filing, and arguing of all appellate briefs and any trial assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board, in regular session, this ____ day of _____, 20____ does hereby support the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and designates the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its Agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are hereby authorized to act as Assistant State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorney of this County in the appeal of all cases when requested to do so by the State's Attorney, and with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney, prepare, file, and argue appellate briefs for those cases; and also, as may be requested by the State's Attorney, to assist in the prosecution of cases under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Such attorneys are further authorized to assist the State's Attorney in the trial and appeal of tax objections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor will offer Continuing Legal Education training programs to the State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor may also assist the State's Attorney of this County in the discharge of the State's Attorney's duties in the prosecution and trial of other cases, and may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is duly appointed to act as a Special Prosecutor in this County by a court having jurisdiction, this County will provide reasonable and necessary clerical and administrative support and victim-witness coordination on an as-needed basis and will also cover all reasonable and necessary case expenses such as expert witness fees, transcripts, evidence presentation, documents, lodgings, and all other expenses directly related to the prosecution of the case.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board hereby agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, commencing December 1, 2026 and ending November 30, 2027, by hereby appropriating the sum of $10,000 as consideration for the express purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and agrees to deliver the same to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor on request during the stated twelve month period.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Carroll County, Illinois, this _____day of _____20____.

Chairman _____

ATTEST: _____

County Clerk

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Honorable Michael T. O'Brien
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P.O. Box 209
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Dear State's Attorney O'Brien:

I am enclosing an Invoice Statement for Carroll County in the amount authorized by our Board together with the requisite county resolution form. Also, I am pleased to inform you that your County's contribution will remain the same as last year as will the terms of the resolution.

The resolution serves as the official contract between your county and our Agency. Because of audit requirements, we must have a signed copy of the resolution without any changes being made. Unless you send the signed resolution, we are unable to provide any legal services to your county. When the resolution is approved, kindly return a fully executed copy to our Agency.

When the resolution is approved, kindly return a fully executed copy to our Acting Chief Fiscal Officer, Jessica Mitchell.

As always, thank you for your active support.

Looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Very Truly Yours,

Patrick J. Delfino
Director

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COLLECTION OF COUNTY MATCHING FUNDS
December 1, 2026 - November 30, 2027

County contribution for participation in the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Program.

AMOUNT DUE: $10,000

Make check payable to **State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund** and remit to:

Jessica Mitchell
Acting Chief Fiscal Officer
State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor
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For questions please contact Jessica Mitchell at 217-782-0960 or jmitchell@ilsaap.org.

PLEASE NOTE: A signed resolution must be returned to the Agency as soon as possible. The resolution serves as your contract with the Agency and must be kept by the Agency for auditing purposes.

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located is conducted.

Commerce – An enterprise that involves the offering of a product, service or entertainment for compensation.

Common Lots – two or more contiguous lots served by common water and sewage infrastructure.

Data Centers- A facility, building, or campus of buildings used primarily to house computer systems, servers, data storage devices, networking equipment, and associated infrastructure for the processing, storage, management, transmission, or distribution of electronic data and digital information. A data center may provide data hosting, cloud computing, co-location, artificial intelligence computing, disaster recovery, telecommunications support, or other information technology services to third-party customers for compensation.

Dwelling – A building, or portion thereof, designed or used predominantly for residential occupancy, including one family dwelling, two-family dwellings and multiple family dwellings, but not including hotels, motels, boarding or rooming houses, tourist homes or mobile homes (house trailers).

Dwelling, attached – One that is joined to another dwelling or building on one or more sides by a party wall or walls.

Dwelling, detached – One which is entirely surrounded by open space on the same lot.

Dwelling Unit – One or more rooms containing complete kitchen facilities, permanently installed, which are arranged, designed, used or intended for use exclusively as living quarters for one family and not more than an aggregate of two roomers or boarders.

Dwelling, one-family – A residential structure containing one dwelling unit only. **Dwelling, two-**

family (Duplex) – A residential structure two dwelling units only.

Dwelling, multiple-family (Apartment Building) – A building or portion thereof containing three or more dwelling units but not including a motel, or rooming house.

Family – Two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption or a group of not more than five persons not so related, maintaining a common household in a dwelling unit.

Financial Assurance – Reasonable assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond, trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.

Floor Area – The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building or buildings – measured from the exterior faces of buildings. In particular, "floor area" shall include:

(a) Basement space if at least one-half of the basement story is above established curb level, or where the curb level has not been established, above the average level of the finished grade.
(b) Elevator shafts and stairwells at each floor.
(c) Attic floor space where the structural headroom exceeds seven and one-half feet.
(d) Enclosed porches, but not terraces and breezeways.
(e) Accessory uses, other than floor space devoted exclusively to accessory off-street parking or loading.

(4) 100 feet for agriculture buildings on all boundaries.

(c) Landscaping Buffer/Screening: 25 feet

(d) No adult entertainment business shall be located within 1000 feet of another adult entertainment business.

(g) No adult entertainment business shall be located within 1000 feet of any residence, church, public park, school, public library or public forest preserve.

ARTICLE 8 – I-1 DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 700-8.01 I-1 District Intent

It is the intent of this ordinance that most of the future new or expanded industrial developments will and should take place within established communities.

Section 700-8.02 Allowed in an I-1 District

(a) Beverage Processing
(b) Binding, Printing, Publishing
(c) Paper Mills
(d) Warehousing/Shipping
(e) Cement Plants
(f) Textile Production
(g) Drug Production/Packaging
(h) Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center.
(i) Food Production
(j) Food Processing
(k) Metal Working
(l) Governmental Correctional Facilities
(m) Solar Farms
(n) Agriculture
(o) Other uses similar in nature to other stated permitted uses in an I-1 district, which are of an industrial oriented nature.

Section 700-8.03 Allowed by Special Use Permitted in an I-1 District

(a) Chemical Production
(b) Auto Salvage
1. Must follow regulations as stated within Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 755

(c) Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower, Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Center, Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organization

(d) ESS Facilities
1. Must follow the regulations as stated within Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 765 Energy Storage Systems

(e) Data Centers
1. Must follow the regulations as stated within Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 770 Data Centers.

(f) Other uses which in the opinion of the County Board, after a review by the Zoning Board of Appeals are of a similar nature to the above special permitted uses, and which will not be detrimental to the integrity of the I-1 industrial district.

Section 700-8.04 Minimum Lot Requirement

(a) Area: Two Acres

(b) Width: 150 feet
(c) Depth: 150 feet
(d) Frontage: 150 feet

Section 700-8.05 Minimum Setback Requirements:

(a) Roadways
  (1) 100 feet from the centerline of township roads.
  (2) 100 feet from the centerline of county and state highways.

(b) Side yard and Rear yard
  (1) 15 feet along properties zoned industrial
  (2) 100 feet along properties containing residences
  (3) 50 feet from all other zoning district not containing residences
  (4) 500 feet for all agriculture buildings on all boundaries

ARTICLE 9 – I-2 DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Section 700-9.01 I-2 District Intent

The intent of this ordinance in establishing an I-2 Heavy Industrial District is to encourage the orderly placement of commercial and industrial manufacturing, processing and warehousing developments that may require additional area for safety and protection of surrounding uses.

Section 700 9.02 Allowed in an I-2 District

(a) All Allowed Uses in the I-1 District
(b) Chemical Plants
(c) Industrial Chemical Plants
(d) Fertilizer Plants
(e) Refining, Raw Materials
(f) Refining, Synthetic Materials
(g) Trucking Companies
(h) Warehousing and Shipping
(i) Commercial Storage
(j) Retail Sale of agricultural fertilizers and chemicals directly to the end agricultural user
(k) Agriculture
(l) Uses similar in nature to stated permitted uses in the I-2 district which are of a heavy industrial nature

Section 700-9.03 Allowed by Special Use Permitted in I-2 District

(a) Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower, Adult-Use Cannabis Cultivation Center, Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Infuser Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Processing Organization, Adult-Use Cannabis Transporting Organization.
(b) Data Centers
  (1) Must follow the regulations as stated within Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 770 Data Centers.
(c) ESS Facilities
  (1) Must follow the regulations as stated within Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 765 Energy Storage Systems.

Section 700-9.04 Minimum Lot Requirement

(a) Area: Five Acres

CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FINDINGS OF FACT

TEXT AMENDMENT

Case/Amendment No.: _____
Applicant: Carroll County, Illinois
Date of Hearing: 11/2/26
Public Hearing Location: Carroll County Courthouse

I. REQUEST

The Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") is considering a proposed text amendment to the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

Chapter/Section(s) Affected: Chapter 700

Description of Proposed Amendment:
Adding in Data Centers to I-1 and I-2 districts under special use as well as the definition of Data Centers

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the application, proposed text amendment, testimony presented at the public hearing, written comments, exhibits, and other information available to the ZBA, the Board makes the following findings:

☑ **1.** The proposed amendment is consistent with the general purposes and intent of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

☑ **2.** The proposed amendment is reasonably related to the public health, safety, and general welfare of Carroll County.

☑ **3.** The proposed amendment provides appropriate standards and regulations for the subject matter addressed.

☑ **4.** The proposed amendment is compatible with the County's existing zoning regulations and land-use objectives.

☑ **5.** Proper notice of the public hearing was provided in accordance with applicable requirements.

☑ **6.** The ZBA considered all testimony, evidence, exhibits, and public comments presented during the public hearing.

☑ **7.** The proposed amendment is appropriate for consideration by the Carroll County Board.

III. ADDITIONAL FINDINGS / COMMENTS

None

IV. ZBA RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals recommends:

☑ **APPROVAL** of the proposed text amendment.

☐ **APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS** as follows:

☐ **DENIAL** of the proposed text amendment.

☐ **CONTINUANCE** for further consideration.

V. VOTE

Motion by: Paul Skoog
Second by: Beaver Miller

Vote:
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: _____ Absent: _____

Recommendation: Approve

VI. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Findings of Fact accurately reflect the determination and recommendation of the Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals.

ZBA Chairperson: _____ **Date:** 11-2-26

ZBA Secretary: _____ **Date:** 2-NOV-26

Chapter 770 DATA CENTERS

Section 770-1 – Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the zoning powers granted to the county under the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-12001 et. seq.).

Section 770-2 – Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the location, construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, and decommissioning of data centers with the county; protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; protect properties from excessive impacts; preserve groundwater and public utility capacity; protect road infrastructure and emergency response capabilities; promote responsible economic development; ensure compatibility with agricultural and rural land uses; and establish permitting standards.

Section 770-3 – Definitions

Applicant- the entity who submits to the county a special use permit application for a data center facility. All references to "applicant" in this ordinance shall include and apply to the applicant and applicant's successors-in-interest and assigns; the facility owner and facility owner's successors-in-interest and assigns; and the operator and operator's successors-in-interest and assigns.

Certificate of occupancy- authorization issued by the County permitting a structure or space to be occupied and used for its intended purpose upon demonstration of compliance with applicable building code requirements.

Closed-loop cooling system- a cooling system that recirculates coolant within a sealed system and does not rely on continuous withdrawal or discharge of groundwater or surface water during normal operation.

Co-located data center- a facility which leases information technology (IT) infrastructure space to others for the storage, processing, and transferring of digital information.

Commercial operation date- the calendar date on which the data center facility begins any operations, except initial testing.

Community space- a publicly accessible indoor or outdoor area intended for community use, gathering, recreation, education, civic activities, or similar public purposes, including but not limited to parks, playgrounds, public squares, community centers, libraries, recreational facilities, and other areas owned, operated, or maintained by a governmental entity or made generally available for public use. Community space does not include bodies of water or undeveloped or predominantly natural areas that have not been specifically developed or designated for community gathering or recreational use.

Data center- a facility, building, or campus of buildings used primarily to house computer systems, servers, data storage devices, networking equipment, and associated infrastructure for the processing,

storage, management, transmission, or distribution of electronic data and digital information. A data center may provide data hosting, cloud computing, co-location, artificial intelligence computing, disaster recovery, telecommunications support, or other information technology services to third-party customers for compensation. “Data center” as used in this ordinance shall also include the terms “facility” and “project.”

Data center accessory system or accessory system ancillary uses, systems or structures secondary and incidental to a data center, including but not limited to, administrative, logistical, fiber optic, storage, and security buildings or structures; sources of electrical power; electrical substations; utility lines; cooling water systems and wastewater treatment systems; water holding facilities; pump stations; water towers; environmental controls (air conditioning or cooling towers, fire suppression, and related equipment); security features, provided such data centers/structures are located on the same tract or assemblage of parcels developed as a unified development with a data center or for the purpose of supporting the data center.

Facility owner- (i) a person or entity with a direct controlling ownership interest in a data center facility, regardless of whether the person is involved in acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or otherwise planning for the construction and operation of the facility, and (ii) a person or entity who, at the time the facility is being developed, is acting as a developer of the facility by acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or by planning for the construction and operation of the facility, regardless of whether the person will own or operate the facility.

Financial assurance- assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond (e.g., performance and payment bond), trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.

Nonparticipating property- real property that is not a participating property.

Nonparticipating residence- a residence that is located on nonparticipating property and that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the data center facility is filed with the county.

Operator- the person or entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the data center facility, including any third-party subcontractors, successors-in-interest and assigns.

Participating property- real property that is the subject of a written agreement between a facility owner and the property owner of the real property that provides the facility owner an easement, option, lease, or license to use the real property for the purpose of constructing a data center facility or accessory systems. "Participating property" also includes real property that is owned by a facility owner for the purpose of constructing a data center facility or accessory systems.

Professional engineer- a qualified individual who is licensed as a professional engineer in the State of Illinois.

Project- the data center facility and accessory system(s).

Protected land- is real property that is: (1) subject to a permanent conservation right consistent with the Illinois Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); or (2) registered or designated as a nature preserve, buffer, or land and water reserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq.).

Section 770-4 – Applicability

This ordinance governs data center facilities (including any accessory systems) within the unincorporated areas of the county that are outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

This ordinance applies to data centers and accessory systems that exceed 10,000 square feet of processing space or the anticipated maximum power draw exceeds 5 megawatts of alternating current capacity, or the anticipated water use exceeds 50,000 gallons per day.

Section 770-5 – Prohibition

A. No data center or data center accessory systems governed by this ordinance shall be constructed, erected, installed, or located within the county without a special use permit and building permit granted by the county. Unless otherwise allowed by the county, all projects shall conform to the representations made within the special use permit application, representations during the public hearing process, and representations contained within the building permit application.

B. No data center or data center accessory systems may be constructed or operated upon property other than those properties zoned as industrial (I-1, I-2) within the county.

C. No data center or data center accessory systems shall be constructed or operated within FEMA Designated Flood Zones as shown within the County FIRM.

D. No data center or data center accessory systems shall be constructed or operated within protected conservation areas.

E. No data center or data center accessory systems may be constructed or operated where water will be consumed or removed from any U.S. EPA or Illinois EPA designated Sole Source Aquifer, or a recharge zone for a Sole Source Aquifer.

Section 770-6 – Pre-Application Notification to Neighboring Property Owners

A. At least sixty (60) days prior to filing an application for a Special Use Permit, the applicant shall mail written notice of the applicant's intent to submit such application to all property owners and residents located within one (1) mile of the proposed project footprint.

   The notice shall provide a general description of the proposed project, its location, the name and contact information of the applicant. The notice shall also identify a means by which neighboring property owners and residents may submit questions, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed project to the applicant prior to the filing of the special use permit application.

B. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with preparing and mailing the required notices. Evidence demonstrating compliance with this Section, including a copy of the notice and documentation identifying the persons or properties to which notice was mailed, shall be submitted to the County with the Special Use Permit application.

Section 770-7 – Special Use Permit Application

A. To obtain a special use permit for a data center and any supporting facilities, an applicant shall first submit a special use permit application to the county for scheduling of a public hearing.

B. The applicant shall submit at least 10 physical copies and one digital copy of the special use permit application to the county.

C. Material changes to the special use permit application are not permitted once notice of public hearing on the application has been published, unless otherwise requested or permitted by the county board. These are including, but not limited to; changes to building plans, site plans, water usage and other similar changes.

D. The special use permit application shall contain:

1. A project summary for the data center facility and its accessory systems, including:

    a. A general description of the project, including:

        i. Number of structures;
        ii. Number of generators;
        iii. Maximum height of all buildings and accessory systems;
        iv. Approximate overall nameplate generating capacity of any electrical generation systems utilized to power the project;
        v. Potential manufacturers of equipment to be utilized at the project as requested by zoning officer;
        vi. Description of accessory systems, including energy storage systems, nameplate capacities, types of systems, and overall acreages;
        vii. Project site plan, phasing plan, and construction timeline; and

    b. A description of the application, facility owner and operator, including their respective business structures as required for publication pursuant to the Illinois Counties Code.

2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant, facility owner, operator, participating proper owners, and documentation demonstrating land ownership or legal control of the property.

3. A site plan for the project showing the boundaries project parcel, property lines, setback lines, existing or proposed easements, location of all existing structures with their uses identified, all proposed structures including, but not limited to, the project, the project substations,

interconnection substations, energy storage systems, and any accessory systems; on-site vehicular circulation, vehicular parking; number and legal descriptions for each parcel.

4. Any of the following within 2,500 feet of the project parcel boundary: (a) participating and nonparticipating residences; (b) community spaces; (c) setback lines; (d) public access roads and turnout locations; and (e) location of any wetlands, flood plain, drainage structures (including surface ditches and subsurface drainage lines), underground mines, scenic and natural areas.

5. A topographic map depicting the project site and surrounding area within 1,000 feet.

6. A proposed decommissioning plan for the project, including cost estimations and a draft form of financial assurance for same.

7. Written approval from relevant road authorities of the roads to be utilized for construction and a draft form of financial assurance for the protection of said roads.

8. Sound modeling demonstrating that the project will comply with the sound requirements of this ordinance.

9. Vibration modeling demonstrating that the project will comply with the requirements of this ordinance.

10. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) obtained through its Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool" (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool.

11. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding potential impacts on State-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420/1 et seq.).

12. Evidence demonstrating that the project will avoid protected lands as identified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC).

13. A farmland drainage plan (to include a drain tile survey) which shall be provided to the county, any impacted drainage district, and any mutual drain tile owner.

14. Adequate proof that the special use permit application has been submitted to local emergency response agencies.

15. A proposed vegetative screening plan and vegetation/weed management plan compliant with the provisions of this ordinance.

16. A proposed grading plan and dust mitigation plan if any grading will be necessary for the construction of the project.

17. A copy of all communication and interference studies demonstrating the potential impacts of the project on television, radio, telephone (including mobile phone communications), transportation communication devices, emergency and law enforcement communications including E911 communications, and weather radar utilized by the National Weather Service or others to communicate weather events to the public.

18. A water use study demonstrating that public and private water resources will not be negatively impacted from the project, a water supply impact assessment, and drought contingency plan.

19. A preliminary emergency response plan which shall include detailed procedures for fire suppression, containment, ventilation, evacuation, an evaluation of the access roads and hydrant locations within the site to ensure suitable access for emergency equipment at the project, a plan for training of first responders, and annual fire safety inspections demonstrating compliance with the fire safety standards to be performed by a qualified professional on behalf of the data center.

20. A storm water management plan designed to prevent, limit and remedy stormwater pollution, erosion and sediment control during the construction and operation of the project.

21. All information required under Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024) and County Chapter 765 for any energy storage systems utilized for the project.

22. For co-located data centers, the number of separate systems to be leased to third parties.

23. A comprehensive cost-benefit analysis considering, at a minimum, the following: tax revenue and potential tax loss; water, power and utility requirements and any necessary improvements to public infrastructure, and the costs of such improvements; job creation in comparison to any anticipated job loss and the average full-time equivalent salary in each category.

24. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment shall be conducted in accordance with ASTM E1527. If the Phase I assessment indicates that further investigation is necessary, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment shall be conducted and submitted in accordance with ASTM E1903.

25. Non-confidential utility service coordination letter.

26. All other required information, studies, reports, certifications, and approvals necessary for demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this ordinance at the time of public hearing on the special use permit application.

27. Any other information requested by the county or its consultants necessary to evaluate the special use permit application and to demonstrate that the project meets the requirements of this ordinance.

28. Any other information normally required or requested by the county as part of its permitting requirements for buildings or other structures.

Section 770-8 – Setbacks and Dimensional Requirements

A. Setbacks and dimensional standards of data centers and data center accessory systems shall be in accordance with the industrial district with the following exceptions (setback distances shall be measured from the nearest edge of any above-ground component, excluding fencing):

1. Community public spaces and dwellings on nonparticipating property: 2,500 feet to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure of a dwelling and any community space.

2. Boundary lines of participating property: None.

3. Boundary lines of nonparticipating property: 1,000 feet to the nearest point on the property line of the nonparticipating property.

4. Public road rights-of-way: 200 feet to the nearest edge of the public right-of-way.

5. Height: The maximum building height for a data center and data center accessory systems shall be 60 feet, inclusive of any roof mounted equipment such as cooling and ventilation systems, HVAC units and cooling towers.

B. Setback requirements may be waived by the written consent of the property owner of each affected nonparticipating property, except for community public spaces. Any waiver of the above setback requirements shall run with the land and shall be recorded with the county recorder prior to the issuance of any building permit for project.

Section 770-9 – Visual Impact

A. Lighting. The project shall comply with responsible outdoor lighting standards and recommendations provided by DarkSky International and shall limit outdoor lighting to that which is minimally required for safety and operational purposes. Any outdoor lighting shall be shielded and downcast from all residences and adjacent properties.

B. Landscape Buffer. A landscape buffer is required between any data center and data center accessory systems and any adjoining residentially zoned parcel, community space, or public right-of-way. The landscape buffer shall, at a minimum, comply with the following requirements, and shall be maintained throughout the life of the project:

1. The landscape buffer shall be at least 25 feet in width and may be part of the minimum setback distance.

2. The landscape buffer plantings that shall consider ~~shall consist of~~ native species and shall include, at a minimum:

a. One large evergreen tree per 25 linear feet of buffer. The size of the evergreen trees shall be a minimum of eight feet in height at the time of planting.
b. One deciduous canopy (shade) tree per 75 linear feet of buffer. The size of the canopy (shade) trees shall be a minimum of 2-inch caliper at the time of planting.
c. One ornamental/flowering tree per 50 linear feet of buffer. The size of the ornamental/flowering trees shall be a minimum of eight feet in height for multi-stemmed varieties, or two and one-half inches caliper at the time of planting for single-stemmed varieties.
d. Five shrubs per 25 linear feet of buffering. Shrubs shall be fully branched and at a minimum of three feet in height at the time of planting. Shrubs shall be a combination of evergreen and deciduous species, with a minimum of 50% being evergreen.

3. If existing vegetation is adequate to meet the intent of the required landscape buffer to screen the data center and any data center accessory systems from adjoining residentially zoned parcels, community spaces, and public roadways, the county may allow such existing vegetation to substitute for the vegetative screening requirements upon recommendation by the county engineer and the zoning board of appeals.

4. Ground mounted and roof mounted equipment used for cooling, ventilation, or otherwise supporting the facility, including power generation or other power supply equipment, that is located within 200 feet of a public right-of-way, residential zoning district, or the parcel line of any community space or occupied non-participating residence, shall be fully enclosed at maturity of the vegetive screening, except where not mechanically feasible based on the manufacturer's specifications. If not feasible to fully enclose the equipment due to manufacturer's specifications, it must be fully screened from view using one or more of the following means:

    a. The vegetative screening required above;
    b. By existing vegetation that will remain on the property;
    c. By the principal data center building or accessory building; or
    d. A visually solid fence, screen wall or panel, parapet wall, or other visually solid screen that shall be constructed of materials compatible with those used in the exterior construction of the principal building.

C. Vegetation/Weed Management. The project shall perform an assessment of the property for the presence of noxious weeds, in particular, those regulated by the Illinois Noxious Weed Law (505 ILCS 100/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Exotic Weed Act (525 ILCS 10/1 et seq.). In addition to those weeds specifically regulated by statute or regulation, the applicant shall perform an assessment of the property for all species of Amaranthus, including but not limited to, Amaranthus Tuberculatus (waterhemp, roughfruit waterhemp, roughfruit amaranth, etc.). Such assessment shall include the presence and propensity for such weeds to exist within the project area and a plan for eradication and management of such weeds. A vegetation/weed management plan must be submitted as part of the special use permit application and may be subject to revision, review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.

D. Fencing. The project shall be enclosed by fencing having a height of at least eight (8) feet. The fencing shall not include barbed wire, razor wire or similarly visible deterrence devices. If fencing is fully screened by vegetative screening, then the fencing requirements shall not apply.

E. The County Board may require or consider the installation of an earthen berm to reduce noise impacts on surrounding properties. The berm shall be no taller than ten (10) feet in height.

Section 770-10 – Communications Interference

A. The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed project will not interfere with electromagnetic communications through the use of a third-party professional.

B. The facility owner/operator shall, at its own expense, immediately mitigate and eliminate any interference the project causes with electromagnetic communications, including radio, wi-fi, telephone, microwave, or television signals, especially those affecting government public safety communications (police, fire, emergency management services, and 911 dispatch.

1. The applicant shall provide microwave transmission providers and local emergency service providers with a copy of the project summary and site plan. If these providers demonstrate a likelihood of interference, the facility owner/operator shall take all necessary measures to minimize and mitigate the anticipated interference. For any interference affecting public safety communications, the facility owner/operator shall immediately implement all necessary and commercially available measures to eliminate the interference.

2. If the facility owner/operator receives a written interference complaint after construction, it shall respond immediately. For public safety communications complaints, the facility owner/operator must immediately take all necessary and commercially available steps to eliminate the interference.

C. If, after construction of the project, the facility owner/operator receives a written complaint related to interference with local residential television or radio reception, the facility owner/operator shall take commercially reasonable steps to investigate and respond. A summary of the complaint and subsequent response from the facility owner/operator shall be forwarded to the county for review. The facility owner/operator shall have 30 calendar days to verify the complaint, and 15 calendar days to respond. Said response shall be addressed and forwarded to both the county and the complainant. Such response shall include, but not be limited to, an acknowledgment that a complaint was made and evaluated by the facility owner/operator; and if considered valid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including a timeline, as to how the facility owner/operator will resolve the complaint. In no event shall valid television reception issues persist beyond 60 calendar days from the date the complaint is validated. If considered invalid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including supporting documentation and expert opinions as to why the applicant believes the complaint is not valid shall be provided to the county and the complainant.

Section 770-11 – Noise and Vibration

A. The applicant shall demonstrate with testimony from a qualified professional during the special use permit hearing that the project will comply with Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) requirements regulating noise and sound, measured from the property boundary. Within one year following completion of construction and during operation of the project, the owner shall perform at least one noise study utilizing a qualified third-party. If the noise study demonstrates non-compliance with the relevant IPCB standards, the owner shall cause the project to cease or curtail operation of the project to gain compliance with the IPCB standards. In order to resume normal operation of the project, the owner must provide a remediation plan to be reviewed and approved by the county. Within 30 days of resuming normal operation, the owner must provide a noise study demonstrating compliance with the IPCB standards.

B. The applicant shall provide a vibration study prepared by a qualified professional that demonstrates that no vibration from the data center or accessory systems will be perceptible to the human sense of feeling beyond the property line and that no damage will occur public or private property.

Section 770-12 – Power

A. If the applicant proposes connecting the data center to the public grid, the applicant shall provide an interconnection agreement from the public utility, or written confirmation from the public utility that no such agreement will be required.

B. Any energy generation system designed or used to supply power (including backup power) directly to a data center during normal operations, including but not limited to, solar, wind, fossil fuel, natural gas, energy storage systems, diesel generator systems or nuclear energy generating systems, shall be considered part of the project and subject to additional regulation or requirements. All such systems shall not be considered personal property for the purposes of property tax assessment.

Section 770-13 – Water and Sewer

A. The applicant shall provide a water feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to determine if there is an adequate supply of water for the proposed use and to estimate the impact of the use on existing wells, groundwater, and surface waters in the vicinity. No data center shall be approved unless the water feasibility study demonstrates that the anticipated water supply yield is adequate for the project and that the proposed water withdrawals and discharges will not endanger or adversely affect the quantity or quality of groundwater supplies or surface waters in the vicinity.

1. The water feasibility study shall include the following information at a minimum:

    a. The projected water demands of the data center;
    b. The source of water to be used;
    c. A description of how water will be used, including the amount or proportion of water to be used for each purpose (e.g. cooling, humidity control, fire suppression, and domestic usage);
    d. The long-term safe yield of the water source;
    e. A description of the amount or portion of water withdrawn that will be recycled or discharged and by what means;
    f. A geologic map of the area with a radius of at least one mile from the site;

g. The location of all existing and proposed wells within 1,000 feet of the property boundary, with a notation of the capacity of all high yield wells;
h. The location of all surface waters, including perennial and intermittent streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, wetlands, springs, natural seeps, and estuaries, within 1,000 feet of the property boundary;
i. A determination of the effects of the proposed water supply system on the quantity and quality of water in nearby wells, surface waters, and the groundwater table;
j. A statement of the qualifications and the signature(s) of the person(s) preparing for the study; and
k. Proof review and approval from any state or federal agencies regarding the water use of the project.

B. To the extent a project will utilize water for non-potable purposes, including cooling or humidity control, the project shall utilize a closed-loop cooling system or another cooling technology or system demonstrated to provide water-use efficiency considering the design, scale, and operational requirements of the project. The use of an alternative to a closed-loop system shall only be permitted where the applicant demonstrates that the alternative system will be less impactful and more efficient than a closed-loop system.

C. As part of the special use permit application, the applicant shall provide sufficient information regarding the proposed cooling system, including estimated average and peak water demand, anticipated annual water consumption, source of water, water-use efficiency, and expected replenishment or makeup-water requirements. Such information shall be evaluated in conjunction with the required water study and the demonstrated availability and sustainability of the proposed water source.

D. The applicant shall demonstrate that adequate means of wastewater disposal, including domestic wastewater and wastewater used for cooling or industrial purposes, have been provided and approved by the relevant public body.

Section 770-14 – Drainage Systems

The applicant, at its expense, shall repair, in a prompt and timely manner, all waterways, drainage ditches, agricultural drainage systems, field tiles, or any other private and public infrastructure improvements damaged during construction, maintenance and/or operation of the project.

Section 770-15 – Environment and Wildlife

A. Generator Emissions. Backup generators shall meet the requires of EPA Tier 4 standards and Illinois EPA permitting.

B. Avian and Wildlife Impact. The applicant, at its expense, shall have a third-party, qualified professional conduct an environmental impact study and submit said study to the county as part of the special use permit application. The project shall be located, designed, constructed, and operated so as to avoid and if necessary, mitigate, impacts to wildlife.

Section 770-16 – Emergency Response

A. The applicant shall submit to all local emergency responders a copy of the site plan and standard operating procedures and guidelines for the project so that the local law enforcement, fire department/fire protection district and rescue units, emergency medical service providers and emergency management service providers having jurisdiction over the project may evaluate and coordinate emergency response plans with the applicant. Such materials shall be provided prior to the filing of the special use permit application. Such plans shall cover the construction and operation phases of the project and shall be updated every five (5) years and resubmitted every five (5) years.

B. The facility owner, at its own expense, shall provide annual training for, and the necessary equipment to, the operator and all local emergency response authorities and their personnel so that they can properly respond to a potential emergency at the project.

C. The facility owner and operator shall cooperate with all local emergency responders to develop an emergency response plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, 24-hour contact information (names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers) for the facility owner and the operator, at least three designated facility representatives (a primary representative with two alternate representatives, that are on-call 24 hours per day/7 days per week/365 days per year. Any change in the designated facility representatives and/or contact information shall be promptly communicated to the county zoning officer. The content of the emergency response plan, including the 24-hour contact information, shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

D. Any portion of the project that experiences a fire or weather impact/damage shall be immediately addressed by the facility owner and operator in coordination with all fire departments/fire protection districts and any other emergency response agencies within the project footprint. The facility owner shall notify the county zoning-officer within 24 hours of any fire incident or weather impact/damage and shall provide to the county zoning officer within seven days the following information: (1) extent of damage and whether the fire or weather impact/damage resulted in any portion of the project becoming inoperable; (2) the estimated time for repair; (3) whether overweight or oversize vehicles will need to utilize public roads for repair of any damaged equipment; and (4) the point of contact for the facility owner regarding the emergency and repairs, and point of contact for any contractor(s) performing the repairs.

E. Nothing in this ordinance shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable life, health, safety, fire and emergency laws and regulations.

Section 770-17 – Signage and Warnings

A. Visible warning signs concerning voltage must be in compliance with all OSHA and NFPA requirements.

B. Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, plastic sleeves, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy wires and along the guy wires up to a height of 15 feet from the ground.

Section 770-18 – Design Safety Certification

The project shall conform to federal and state laws and regulations, and applicable industry standards, including those of Underwriters Laboratories (UL), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), National Fire Protection Association standards (NFPA) (including but not limited to NFPA 75 and NFPA 70). All standards denoted herein shall refer to the latest version published prior to the issuance of a building permit. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant shall submit certificates of design compliance from equipment manufacturers obtained from UL or an equivalent third party. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, applicant shall provide to the county a copy of all applicable laws, regulations, and standards governing the project. To the extent the provisions of this ordinance conflict with any industry safety standards, such as UL, ANSI or NFPA requirements, the more stringent requirements shall apply.

Section 770-19 – Engineer's Certificate

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant must submit a certification from a structural engineer registered in the State of Illinois that the project design is compatible with and appropriate given the specific soil, subsurface and climate conditions. The structural engineer's certificate shall be submitted as part of the building permit application.

Section 770-20 – As-Built Map and Plans

Within sixty (60) calendar days of completion of construction of the project, the facility owner or operator shall deliver to the county zoning officer "as-built" maps, a final site plan and engineering plans that have been signed and stamped by a professional engineer and surveyor licensed in the State of Illinois.

Section 770-21 – Road Use Agreement

A. An applicant proposing to use any county, municipality, township or village roads for the purpose of transporting equipment for construction, operation, or maintenance of a data center shall:

    a. Identify all such public roads;
    b. Conduct a preconstruction baseline survey to determine existing road conditions for assessing potential future damage; and

B. Enter into a road use agreement with the county and each affected road district that includes the following provisions, at a minimum:

    a. Project layout map;
    b. Transportation impact analysis;
    c. Notification procedures for road closures and/or lane restrictions;
    d. Preconstruction plans;
    e. Project traffic map;
    f. Project scope of repairs;
    g. Post-construction repairs;
    h. Insurance; and
    i. Financial assurance in forms and amounts acceptable to the county.

C. The road use agreement shall require applicant to be responsible for the reasonable cost of improving roads used to construct the project and the cost of repairing roads used by the facility owner during construction of the project. Roadways improved in preparation for and during the construction of the project shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of construction-related activities.

D. All repairs and improvements to county public roads and roadway appurtenances shall be subject to the prior approval of the county before being made and shall also be subject to inspection and acceptance by the county after such repairs and improvements are completed. The county's road use agreement, and any further agreements contemplated therein, regarding the maintenance and repair of county public roads and highways, must be approved by the county board prior to the approval of any building permit applications related to the construction of the project. Copies of any other road use agreements for the project must also be provided to the county zoning office prior to the approval of any building permit applications.

E. Road use activities associated with construction, operation and maintenance shall also comply with Carroll County Ordinance Chapter 800, including all applicable overweight and over-dimension permitting requirements and county highway entrance permitting.

F. The applicant shall provide to both the zoning officer and county engineer before the building permit process shall begin a traffic impact analysis, construction traffic management plan, and oversize load routing plan.

Section 770-22 – Decommissioning Agreement

A. Any project, or portion thereof, that is no longer utilized as a data center and has not been repurposed for other uses for a period of twenty-four (24) months or greater, shall be decommissioned.

B. Applicant must submit a decommissioning plan with cost estimation to the county as part of the special use permit application and shall provide testimony supporting the calculation of costs during the public hearing on the special use permit application. Salvage or resale value shall not be considered for purposes of cost estimation.

C. Prior to receiving any building permit for the project, the facility owner shall enter into a decommissioning agreement with the county to be approved by the county board and post a financial assurance equal to or greater than 125% of the decommissioning cost estimate.

D. The facility owner shall submit an updated decommissioning plan with updated cost estimation and updated financial assurance in accordance with the schedule agreed in the decommissioning agreement.

E. The county may utilize a third-party engineer and/or counsel to review any decommissioning plan and cost estimation prior to approval of the decommissioning agreement/plan and financial assurance. Costs incurred for the same shall be paid by the applicant or facility owner.

Section 770-23 – Additional Terms and Conditions

A. All technical submissions, as defined by the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/1 et seq.), contained in the special use permit application and the building permit application shall be prepared and signed by a professional engineer for the relevant discipline.

B. The county may retain a qualified, independent code inspector or professional engineer both to make inspections of the project during and after construction and to consult with the county to confirm that the construction, substantial repair, replacement, repowering of energy supply and/or decommissioning of the project is performed in compliance with applicable ordinance, conditions, electrical and building codes, state and federal law and regulation. During the special use permit process, the county may retain third parties to consult on any aspect of the project including potential impacts and compliance with any laws, regulations, ordinances, and standards. The cost and fees so incurred by the county in retaining said inspector or engineer shall be promptly reimbursed by the applicant within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from the county.

C. Parking shall be provided on a paved surface and sufficient to provide at least one parking spot designated for each employee at peak employee utilization during operation, and at least one parking spot designated for vehicles owned and/or utilized by the project during operation.

D. Project labor agreements with local union labor organizations are preferred and encouraged by the county.

E. Community benefit agreements are preferred and encouraged by the county. To the extent any community benefit agreements are entered into, those agreements shall be with local non-profit entities for the utilization of community spaces or programs designed to benefit or available to benefit all residents of the county.

F. Costs of any public infrastructure improvements necessitated by, or due to or as a consequence of the project, shall be paid for by the owner. If such improvements are necessary or recommended, then prior to the issuance of a building permit for any project, the owner and county (or public infrastructure owner, if different than the county) shall enter into a public infrastructure improvement agreement which shall include, at a minimum, the cost assessment, method of payment, timing of payment and warranty period(s) for such improvements.

G. To the extent a reasonable depreciation in adjacent property value is demonstrated during the special use permit hearing, the owner shall enter into property value guarantees with the adjacent property owners and provide the executed guarantees prior to the issuance of any building permit for the project.

Section 770-24 – Complaint Resolution

The facility owner shall, at its expense and in coordination with the county, develop a system for logging and investigating complaints related to the project. The facility owner shall resolve such non-emergency complaints on a case-by-case basis and shall provide written confirmation to the county. All costs and fees incurred by the county in attempting to or resolving complaints shall be reimbursed by the facility owner. The facility owner and operator shall also designate and maintain for the duration of the project a telephone

number and email address as its public information/inquiry/complaint hotline which shall be answered by a customer service representative on a 24/7 basis. The facility owner and operator shall post the telephone number and email address for the customer service representative in a prominent, easy to find location on their websites and at the project site on signage.

Section 770-25 – Reporting

The facility owner must submit, on an annual basis on or before February 1st of each calendar year following its commercial operation date, a report to the county zoning officer containing the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements, or modifications to the project; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, water use, power use, noise, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by the facility owner concerning the project and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) calls for emergency services; (iv) a general summary of service calls to the project; (v) current certificates of insurance; (vi) a report of the annual and per month use of water at the site; (vii) a report of the annual and per month electricity use at the site; and (vi) contact information (names, email address and phone numbers) for the person(s) with general oversight of the facility including emergency response; In addition to the annual report, such information shall be provided upon direct request by the county. Failure to provide the annual report or report directly as requested by the county (within 30 days) shall be considered a material violation of this ordinance and subject to the remedies provision of this ordinance. Additionally, in the event the person(s) with oversight or emergency responsibilities changes or said person(s) contact information changes, the facility owner shall provide updated information to the county within seven calendar days of said change.

Section 770-26 – Liability Insurance and Indemnification

A. Commencing with the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner shall maintain a current general comprehensive liability policy, pollution liability and automobile liability coverage covering bodily injury, death and illness, and property damage, with limits of at least $20,000,000 per occurrence and $40,000,000 in the aggregate, during the life of the project. All insurance policies shall be in the name of the facility owner. The original certificate of insurance shall be provided to the county zoning officer upon prior to the issuance of a building permit, and at each subsequent renewal, at least annually thereafter. Additionally, the facility owner shall promptly increase policy limits if the amount required under this ordinance is increased, upon written notice from the county, and the facility owner shall thereafter provide proof of the increased policy to the county zoning officer.

B. The facility owner and operator shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the county and its officers, appointed and elected officials, employees, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the indemnified parties) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees relating to or arising out of the issuance of the special use permit or the construction, operation, maintenance and removal of the and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the facility owner and/or the operator under this ordinance or the special use permit, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such indemnified parties. This

general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the county's other indemnification rights or immunities available under the law.

Section 770-27 – Defaults and Remedies

A. Any project declared to be unsafe by the county by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage, or abandonment is hereby declared a public safety issue and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ordinance and decommissioning agreement or plan.

B. Failure by the applicant, facility owner, or operator to comply with any provisions of this ordinance, provisions under the special use permit, other permits, any conditions imposed on the project, and/or failure to comply with any law or regulation shall constitute a default under this ordinance and shall be grounds for revocation of any special use permit or other permits granted by the county board or the county.

C. Prior to implementation of the existing county procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the appropriate county body shall first provide written notice to the facility owner and operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the facility owner and operator a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).

D. If the county determines that the parties cannot resolve the alleged defaults within the good faith negotiation period, the county shall make application to the circuit court for an injunction requiring conformance with this ordinance or make such other order as the court deems necessary to secure compliance with the ordinance.

E. Any violation of this ordinance shall be an offense punishable by a fine of $1,000. Each violation shall be a separate offense. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense, subject to a $1,000 fine for each additional day the violation is not corrected. A court may impose any additional and appropriate per day fine for each day the violation exists or until such violation is remedied, and the court may consider the nature of the violation, the degree of public safety involved, and the efforts of the county, the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator to resolve quickly and safely any and all violations. It is the intent that any dispute between the parties be resolved promptly, and where possible, by informal discussions with the county, as may be outlined elsewhere in this ordinance.

F. The effective date of this ordinance, any person/entity who proceeds with the development of a data center located within the territorial jurisdiction of this ordinance, prior to obtaining all approvals under the terms of this ordinance, shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance and shall be fined as stated herein.

G. The county reserves the right to hire outside counsel or engineers to enforce this ordinance and/or determine compliance with this ordinance. The applicant, facility owner, and/or operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorney's and engineer fees in this regard.

H. Nothing herein shall prevent the county from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator responsible for the project.

Section 770-28 – Fees and Costs

A. Special Use Permit Application Fees. Prior to processing any special use permit application for a data center, the applicant must submit a non-refundable payment to the county $250,000.00 In addition to the application fee, the applicant shall be responsible for any third-party costs of the county in relation to the special use permit application.

B. Building Permit Application Fees. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner must deposit a non-refundable building permit fee equating $250,000.00, plus an additional fee of $10,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity for such energy anticipated to be utilized from non-renewable energy resources based on the direct current nameplate capacity. In addition to the building permit fee, the applicant shall be responsible for any third-party costs of the county in relation to the building permit or enforcement of requirements related to the construction, operation, or decommissioning of the Project.

C. Operating Permit Fees. The facility owner shall pay an operating permit fee of $25,000.00 to the county. The operating permit operating permit fee shall be paid on or before January 1st of each calendar year, beginning with the first date following the issuance of the building permit.

D. All Costs Paid by Applicant/Facility Owner/Operator. The applicant, facility owner, and/or operator shall pay all costs incurred by the county, those costs associated with all offices, boards and commissions of the county, and third-party costs incurred by the county, including but not limited to, direct or indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations. Any costs that remain unpaid after thirty (30) days following a request for payment from the county shall be subject to any and all available remedies including fines or revocation of any previously issued permit.

Section 770-29 – Hearing Facilitator

The county may engage the services of a hearing facilitator. The hearing facilitator shall be an independent contractor who shall conduct a hearing in accordance with all applicable rules of the county but has no adjudicatory responsibility other than ruling on requests for continuances, procedural matters, admissibility of evidence and the propriety of any arguments. The applicant shall reimburse the county for the fees and costs charged by the facilitator.

Section 770-30 – Hearing Factors

In addition to the requirements of this ordinance, the following factors shall be considered as a balancing test by the county board in rendering a decision as to approval or denial of any special use permit under this ordinance:

1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the project will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare of the community;

2. The project will not be injurious to the uses and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values of surrounding properties;

3. The establishment of the project will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding properties;

4. Adequate public utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or will be provided;

5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets;

6. The project is not contrary to the objectives of the current comprehensive plan of the county (if any); and

7. The project will, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of this ordinance, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified pursuant to the recommendations of and as approved by the county board.

Section 770-31 – Special Use Permit Conditions and Restrictions

A. Conditions. As part of its approval of a special use permit, the county board may stipulate conditions, guarantees, and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the project as deemed necessary for the protection and promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare of the county and to secure compliance with the standards and requirements of this ordinance.

B. Revocation. In any case where a special use permit has been granted under this ordinance, the applicant/facility owner shall apply for a building permit from the county, and obtain all other permits required by other government and regulatory agencies to commence construction of the project and shall commence and actively pursue construction of the project within three (3) years from the date the special use permit is granted by the county. If the applicant/facility owner fails to apply for a building permit from the county and obtain all other permits required by other government or regulatory agencies necessary to commence construction and/or fails to commence and actively pursue construction of the project within this three (3) year period, then without further action by the county, the special use permit for the project shall be automatically terminated, revoked, and void. Upon written request supported by evidence that the applicant/facility owner has diligently pursued issuance of all necessary permits required to commence construction and that any delay in commencement of construction of the project is due to conditions out of its control, the county may allow for a reasonable extension of time.

1. A special use permit shall be automatically terminated, revoked, and void if the applicant/facility owner dissolves or ceases to do business, abandons the project, or the project ceases to operate for more than 24 consecutive months.

2. A special use permit may be revoked by the county if the project is not constructed, installed, or operated in conformance and compliance with the county-approved plans, the special use permit (including conditions, guarantees, and restrictions), building permit, requirements of this ordinance, and any other local, state and federal permits, laws and regulations.

C. Transferability. If the owner plans to sell or transfer the project, the owner shall notify the county ninety (90) days prior to the sale. New buyer must agree to all term conditions and agreement via written assumptions of such requests as required by the County Board. To cover the costs of the County's expenses related to the review, the applicant shall submit a fee of $5,000 and shall be responsible for all other expenses related there to.

    1. A Special Use Permit or Building Permit issued for a data center or associated facility is specific to the approved property and location and shall not be transferred to another property or site.

D. Special Use Permit Effective Date and Expiration. A special use permit granted under this ordinance shall become effective upon the date of approval of the special use permit by the county board. The special use permit shall automatically terminate thirty (30) years after the issuance of a building permit, unless otherwise limited or extended by condition to the special use permit or resolution of the county board.

Section 770-32 – Interpretation

The regulations and provisions set forth in this ordinance shall be held as the minimum requirements adopted for the promotion and preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare of the county. The regulations and provisions set forth in this ordinance are not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul, or in any manner interfere with any other local, state, or federal laws and regulations.

Section 770-33 – Severability

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 770-34 – Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and approval as required by law, and all prior ordinances pertaining to the subject of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

ADOPTED by the COUNTY BOARD of CARROLL COUNTY, Illinois, this _____

day of _____, 2026.

County Board Chair: _____

ATTEST:

County Clerk: _____

CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

FINDINGS OF FACT

TEXT AMENDMENT

Case/Amendment No.: _____
Applicant: Carroll County, Illinois
Date of Hearing: 11/2/26
Public Hearing Location: Carroll County Courthouse

I. REQUEST

The Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") is considering a proposed text amendment to the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

Chapter/Section(s) Affected: Chapter 770

Description of Proposed Amendment:
Proposed adoption of new ordinance to regulate Data Centers. These regulations will co-incide with language within Chapter 700

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

Based upon the application, proposed text amendment, testimony presented at the public hearing, written comments, exhibits, and other information available to the ZBA, the Board makes the following findings:

☑ **1.** The proposed amendment is consistent with the general purposes and intent of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance.

☑ **2.** The proposed amendment is reasonably related to the public health, safety, and general welfare of Carroll County.

☑ **3.** The proposed amendment provides appropriate standards and regulations for the subject matter addressed.

☑ **4.** The proposed amendment is compatible with the County's existing zoning regulations and land-use objectives.

☑ **5.** Proper notice of the public hearing was provided in accordance with applicable requirements.

☑ **6.** The ZBA considered all testimony, evidence, exhibits, and public comments presented during the public hearing.

☑ **7.** The proposed amendment is appropriate for consideration by the Carroll County Board.

III. ADDITIONAL FINDINGS / COMMENTS

None

IV. ZBA RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals recommends:

☐ **APPROVAL** of the proposed text amendment.

☑ **APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS/CONDITIONS** as follows:

Make wording change

☐ **DENIAL** of the proposed text amendment.

☐ **CONTINUANCE** for further consideration.

V. VOTE

Motion by: Beaver Miller

Second by: Paul Skoog

Vote:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2

Recommendation: _____

VI. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Findings of Fact accurately reflect the determination and recommendation of the Carroll County Zoning Board of Appeals.

ZBA Chairperson: _____ **Date:** 11-2-26

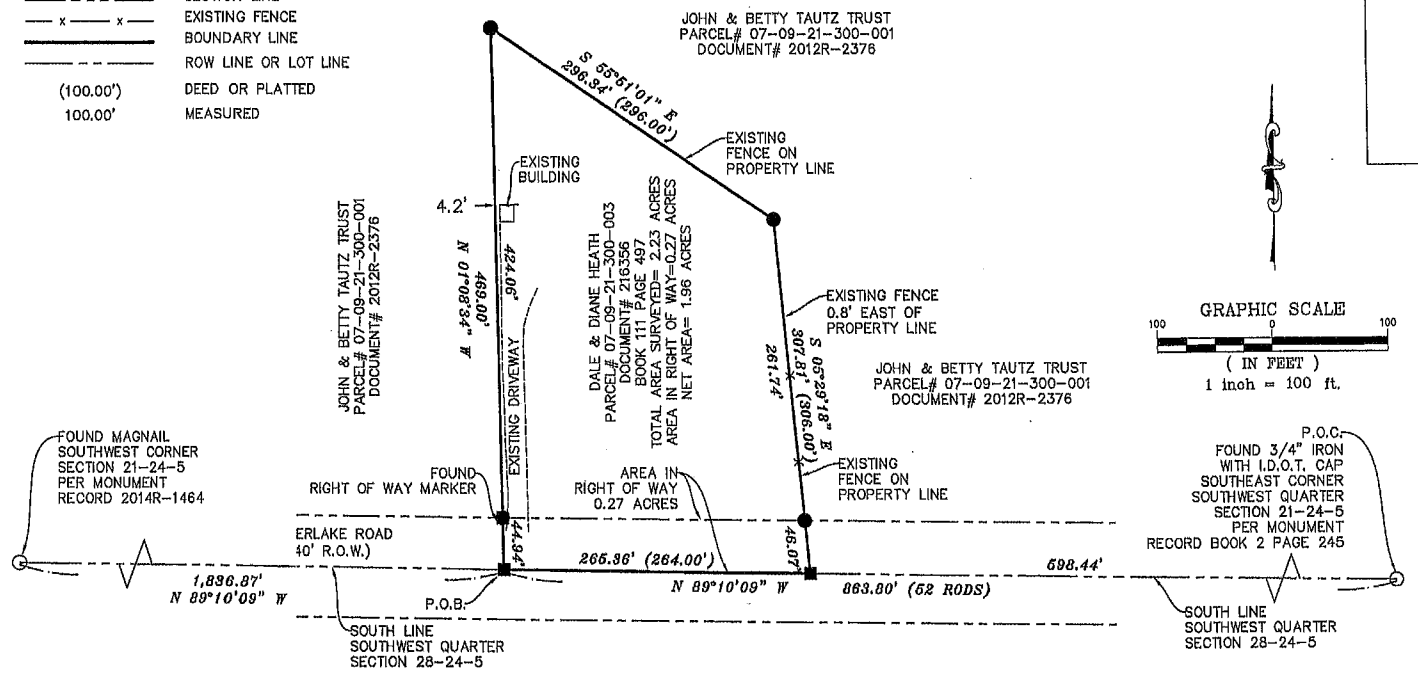
ZBA Secretary: _____ **Date:** 2-NOV-26

RETRACEMENT SURVEY

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE 4TH P.M., CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LEGEND

- FOUND MONUMENT AS NOTED
- SET 5/8" REBAR W/ CAP # 35-3943
- SET MAGNAIL
- SECTION LINE
- EXISTING FENCE
- BOUNDARY LINE
- ROW LINE OR LOT LINE
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- 100.00' MEASURED



GRAPHIC SCALE

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1 inch = 100 ft.

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SCOTT E. MISFELDT — IPLS NO. 35-3943
MY LICENSE EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2026

DATE: 8-25-26

PROFESSIONAL DESIGN FIRM NO. 184.008195-008

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ZONING VARIANCE for **19273 Timberlake Road**

For permission to build a larger shed along the same line of the existing building, which is 4 feet from the property line of John and Betty Tautz Trust. The new building would extend north no more than 6 feet, and south no more than 20 feet, for a total of 40 feet or less. Maximum shed size to 40x18, replacing old one which is 14 feet by 12 feet. The new building's west edge would be 4 feet from Tautz property.

Dale and Diane Heath have my permission to build a bigger shed at the same four foot distance as the existing shed.

Betty Tautz

Betty Tautz

Karl Tautz

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CARROLL COUNTY, IL

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application: Variance Request 2026149
Property Location: 19273 Timberlake Rd Mount Carroll, IL
Property Owner(s): Dale Heath
Property PIN: 07-09-21-300-003

1. The purpose of the variance shall not be to establish a use otherwise excluded from the particular district in which it is requested? ____YES _____(NO.) **If yes, how so?**

2. What is it about the particular physical surroundings, shape or topographical condition of the subject property that would result in a particular hardship on the property owner if the strict letter of regulations were carried out?
Losing existing timber, front topography, existing power and gas lines.

3. Would there be practical difficulties or particular hardships that would derive from strict compliance with the regulations and standards set withing the zoning ordinance? ____(YES)_____NO. **If yes what are they?**
Same as number 2.

4. Is there evidence that the issuance of this variance will impairer or diminish the property values within the area? ____YES _____(NO.) **If yes, how so?**

5. Will this variance obstruct normal development and/or improvement of surrounding properties? ____YES _____(NO.) **If yes, how so?**

6. Are there any other considerations or concerns that the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals feel need to be mentioned and recorded with the finding of fact?
NA

WRITTEN MOTION: Approval of Variance Request to build 4ft from western property line

The recommendation for the County Board to approve has (passed , failed) the

Zoning Board of Appeals this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Mark VanBuskirk
Chairman

Attest: _____

To: Carroll County Board

From: Carroll County Treasurer, Lydia M. Hutchcraft

Request to update signature card

I am notifying the County Board of a request for updating a signature card at a Financial Institution.

The State's Attorney's office has a checking account at Fidelity Bank ending in account number 8731, titled 1505 Account that needs to have the signature card updated. The account has 2 signatures, The Treasurer and the State's Attorney. The change will be to keep Lydia M Hutchcraft on the signature card and to remove former State's Attorney Kaney and add State's Attorney Michael T O'Brien.

I request the County Board to approve this change to meet the Financial Institution's necessity of Board approval and documentation within the minutes.



CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Strategic Plan

2027 — 2031

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Prepared for the residents, businesses and communities of Carroll County, IL
by the County Board and the Planning and Development Committee
Adopted: 11/19/2026

Who We Are



OUR MISSION

To provide essential public services in Carroll County driven by fiscal stewardship and civic safety that enhance the quality of life for all residents and support efforts to create jobs and economic opportunities while preserving the unique characteristics of our rural community.

OUR VISION

Rooted in our rural heritage and agricultural strength, we uphold the values of friendliness, morality, resourcefulness, and prudent oversight. We believe in preserving the character of our community while promoting integrity, accountability, and growth within all county operations.

OUR VALUES

Integrity	We are honest, ethical and we honor our commitments.
Innovation	We seek creative thinking, problem solving and expansion of services to residents, businesses, and stakeholders.
Accountability	We take responsibility for our actions, and are transparent in the use of funds and delivery of services.
Community	We believe in collaboration, communication, and partnerships in all aspects of county operations.

County Overview



Carroll County, Illinois, is a small rural county in northwestern Illinois along the Mississippi River, bordered by Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties, and by Clinton and Jackson Counties in Iowa. The county seat is Mount Carroll. Established in 1839 and named after Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the county spans about 466 square miles, with key features including Mississippi Palisades State Park, the Savanna Industrial Park (former Army Depot), and part of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

Home to roughly 15,400 residents, Carroll County's population has remained stable but skews older, with a median age of about 45 and a population density of 35 people per square mile. Median household income is around $60,800, with a poverty rate near 13.6% and median property values around $113,500 (based on 2023 estimates from census.gov).

Carroll County's history traces back to the Sauk and Meskwaki tribes, who first inhabited the region along the Mississippi River. In the early 1800s, settlers arrived, attracted by fertile farmland, the river, and nearby lead mining. Established in 1839 from Jo Daviess County, Carroll County chose Mount Carroll as its seat in 1843, honoring Charles Carroll of Carrollton in its name.

Carroll County is defined by its strong sense of community, where friendliness, mutual support, and close social ties shape daily life. Residents value the county's natural beauty—its rivers, parks, hills, and lakes—which provide both scenic appeal and recreational opportunities. Above all, a shared appreciation for small-town charm, rural character, and a peaceful, relaxed living environment unites the community's identity. Carroll County offers a safe, affordable, and family-oriented lifestyle, which helps create a welcoming and desirable place to live.

Agriculture flourished in the late 19th century, and tourism developed along the Mississippi bluffs. The 20th century brought military and industrial growth with the establishment of the Savanna Army Depot in 1917, a key employer until its closure in the 1990s.

In recent decades, redevelopment of the former depot, revitalization of historic downtowns, and continued investment in infrastructure have shaped a local economy rooted in agriculture, tourism, small business, and conservation. Today, Carroll County blends its rich heritage, natural beauty, and small-town character into a vibrant rural community.

Why a Strategic Plan?

BLUEPRINT THAT CHARTS THE COURSE

The Strategic Plan's five-year timeline allows for thoughtful sequencing of initiatives. The alignment with the county's annual budget process creates a stronger connection between finances and operations. With the Strategic Plan as a guide, other county plans and initiatives will be built to align. In addition to priorities, goals and objectives, this plan includes performance measures for government transparency, accountability, and ongoing improvement.



RESULTS FOR THE COMMUNITY

We know our community has high standards and aspirations for Carroll County. We enjoy a high quality of life here, and want to remain an excellent place to raise a family and retire. The county's Strategic Plan lays a foundation for progress, defines a shared vision for the future, and focuses county resources on set of strategic priorities. These priorities, and their supporting goals and objectives, came from considerable community input and feedback. These goals drive us toward meaningful outcomes and measurable steps forward on the road to reaching our collective long-term vision.

Plan at a Glance

1. Mission & Vision
2. Organizational Values
3. Environmental Scan & Assessment
   SWOT, Data Analysis, Community Input
4. Strategic Priorities
5. Goals & Desired Outcomes
6. Implementation Plan
   Timeline, Roles, Resources
7. Performance Measures
   Operational Plan (KPIs/Metrics)
8. Evaluation & Monitoring
   Progress Reviews, Reports
9. Continuous Updates & Plan Revision

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Economic Development
- Diversify Revenue
- Land Use/Ordinances
- Youth Engagement
- Public Safety
- Highway Infrastructure
- Technology Modernization
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Courthouse Upgrades
- Public Transit

Strategic Goals

1 Economic Development

Our Goal... Foster a resilient economic environment by promoting the retention and reinvestment of existing businesses, attracting new industries, expanding employment opportunities, leveraging tax incentives, promoting tourism and ag-tourism, and strengthening public-private and non-profit partnerships.

- Create an economic plan that expands access to information on available economic incentive zones throughout the county.
- Enhance and align workforce development strategies with projected local industry needs.
- Collaborate and partner with Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED), Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, and related entities, to support new and existing business growth and strengthen and diversify the county's economy.
- Promote the region's high quality of life to attract and retain new-age workforce, including remote workers, through marketing and network building.
- Elevate the visibility of Carroll County as an attractive tourism destination by promoting innovative programs and partnerships aimed at enhancing the visitor economy.

2 Diversify Revenue Sources

Our Goal... Strengthen fiscal stability by actively pursuing grants, expanding traditional tax base through property, sales, and excise/special taxes, and implementing fair user fees, service charges, licenses, and permit fees to ensure sustainable revenue for essential services and future growth.

- Implement a revenue strategies plan (e.g., specific taxes or fees related to new industries, tourism promotion) that align with and encourage local economic growth, thereby broadening the tax base and creating new jobs.
- Create a more reliable and steady income stream by blending a mix of stable (e.g., property taxes) and high-growth revenue sources (e.g., sales taxes, user fees, certain local income taxes).
- Retain a grant writing professional to gain specialized expertise and ensure strategic high-level proposals to develop a diversified long-term grant funding strategy and obtain increased funding approvals.
- Generate $200,000 of new non-traditional revenue each year.

Strategic Goals

3 Land Use Planning and Ordinance Updates

Our Goal... Create a land use plan to guide growth to specific areas, protecting natural resources and agricultural land and ensuring adequate public services and infrastructure and conduct a comprehensive review of ordinances and implementing a multi-year internal overhaul and development plan, ensuring all regulations are clear, updated, and accessible through searchable online codification services.

- Develop a comprehensive land use plan to forecast future population and development needs and allocate growth to specific sub-areas within the county in 2027.
- Focus to conserve and preserve natural assets like open spaces and water resources, reduce population exposure, and maintain the “rural character” of the county.
- Promote healthy attractive neighborhoods and communities, provide a diverse range of housing, business, and redevelopment options, and enhance recreational opportunities like trails and parks.
- Establish a structured ordinance review cycle by dividing ordinances into manageable groups, with each group scheduled for review every three years to ensure ordinances remain current, consistent, and responsive to County needs.
- Complete ordinances codification process and host on the new website in 2027.

4 Youth Engagement and Retention

Our Goal... Strengthen youth engagement and retention by promoting the expansion of new employment, training, and opportunity pathways, while promoting the development of affordable, community-style housing that supports young residents in building their futures locally.

- Engage employers to promote career exploration and work-based learning opportunities for youth and young adults. Promote designing relevant and valuable experiences for young participants including career fairs and expos.
- Support program development that helps youth understand local community issues and their role in addressing them and create opportunities for youth to contribute to decisions that affect their community, such as youth advisory boards or community projects.
- Expose young people to public service careers to encourage them to consider government and community service as future paths.
- Work with the county stakeholder community to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Strategic Goals

5 Public Safety and Emergency Services

Our Goal... Preserve and enhance safety and security for community members through programs that elevate education and prevention, law enforcement, emergency services, and health services while promoting an accessible and equitable justice system.

- In partnership with the public safety agencies operating within the county, work to reduce crime and enhance the safety of residents and visitors in the community by supporting strong public safety policies, funding, and initiatives.
- Promote emergency preparedness, all hazards planning, and community engagement to make the population more resilient in the face of all hazards, natural and otherwise.
- Identify and invest in health programs that address substance abuse, mental health, suicide prevention, and trauma.
- Enhance comprehensive training to ensure a well-prepared and effective response to community needs.
- Perform annual assessment to determine appropriate human and technology resources needed to maintain critical IT infrastructure that supports public safety, citizens engagement, and emergency management programs in the county.
- Operate with integrity, accountability, and professionalism in all aspects of service delivery.

6 Highway Infrastructure and Maintenance

Our Goal... Strengthen transportation infrastructure by implementing a smart road assessment and asset management plan, pursuing new revenue sources to help address funding shortfalls, and exploring project bundling strategies to reduce costs and improve contract efficiency.

- Update the established Comprehensive 5-year Highway Transportation Plan.
- Ensure state of good repair for county roadways and bridges.
- Invest in existing infrastructure, explore innovations, and enhance usage of data, and deploy emerging technologies for ongoing operations and maintenance.
- Increase funding opportunities of federal and state grants for road and bridge projects.
- Reduce crashes by maintaining clear pavement markings, fixing edge-drops, and clearing obstructions from roadways. Improve intersection safety by ensuring adequate sight distance and proper signage.
- Provide staff training on grant compliance, incorporate best practices, and safety procedures.

7 Technology Modernization and Security

Our Goal... Modernize digital infrastructure by upgrading the county website, promoting the deployment of digital tools that improve efficiency, expand public-facing services, and increase transparency. The county will also implement a case management system for the State's Attorney's Office and proactively assess cybersecurity risks, applying best-practice safeguards to ensure secure and reliable operations.

- Create a secure, resilient, and efficient infrastructure that supports both internal government functions and the delivery of services to residents.
- Continue modernization of the County website following its 2026 upgrade by working with departments to implement enhanced tools and features that streamline the public user experience, improve access to services and information, and create greater internal efficiencies through automation and improved data management.
- Manage cybersecurity risks, protect against cyberattacks, and develop employees' knowledge and skills to collectively safeguard county's IT infrastructure to protect data and ensure service delivery.
- Research leading case management systems for the State's Attorney Office.
- Develop an IT needs assessment to create policies and procedures for acquiring, managing and adopting new technologies to ensure consistency and best practices.
- Determine long-term solution of in-house, outsourced, or hybrid model for county's IT infrastructure.

8 Capital Improvement Plan

Our Goal... Establish and maintain a comprehensive five-year capital improvement budgeting plan that identifies and prioritizes capital expenses across all county departments, ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility and strategic investment in public infrastructure and services.

- Create a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that aligns with the strategic plan, ensuring the timely and economical maintenance or replacement of infrastructure, coordinating with the annual budget, and providing transparency and public engagement.
- Identify funding sources and financing options for all proposed projects.
- Implement the capital budgeting module in to create a roadmap for long-term resource planning and impact of capital projects on the operating budget.

Strategic Goals

9 Courthouse and Inmate Housing

Our Goal... Advance courthouse and related facility upgrades by ensuring ADA compliance, improving space planning and storage solutions, and pursuing jail modernization to meet current and future public safety and judicial needs.

- Develop/Update a Comprehensive Space Planning Needs Assessment Plan.
- Identify funding sources and financing options for Courthouse and related County building improvements.
- Determine the feasibility to pursue the jail modernization initiative and associated funding options.

10 Public Transit

Our Goal... Improve public transportation by actively marketing and promoting available services, expanding fundraising opportunities, and continuing to elevate and advocate for a system that operates with excellence to meet community needs.

- Perform an annual transit program analysis to evaluate cost-benefit and life cycle cost of the program.
- Expand access to essential destinations such as jobs, healthcare and education.
- Seek sustainable, non-traditional long-term funding to ensure service continuity.
- Increase transit fundraising by 5% annually.
- Collaborate with regional transit entities on a reimagined, more accessible public transit system.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Natural assets & recreation. Mississippi River frontage, Mississippi Palisades State Park, bluffs, and scenic byways that draw outdoor tourism and regional visitors.
- Strategic location & transportation. Access to river, rail, and highway networks within the broader Northwest Illinois region, supporting ag, logistics, and tourism.
- Agriculture & agribusiness base. High-quality soils and established farm operations with supporting fertilizer, grain, and ag-service businesses.
- Small-town rural character & quality of life. Tight-knit communities, low congestion, low crime relative to urban areas.
- Growing broadband footprint. Continued expansion of broadband, enabling remote work and entrepreneurship where available.

Weaknesses

- Small, aging, and slowly declining population. ~15.6k with median age ~45—significantly older than Illinois and U.S. averages, limiting labor force and school enrollment.
- Limited economic diversification and job opportunities. Heavy reliance on agriculture and a relatively small industrial/commercial base compared to larger counties in the state and Upper Mississippi corridor.
- Constrained local tax base. Small population spread over 445+ square miles means fewer taxpayers to support roads, facilities, and services.
- Service gaps & perceptions of remoteness. Limited public transit, and longer travel times to major hospitals, higher education, and large retail centers.
- Housing & infrastructure age. Older housing and infrastructure typical of historic rural counties, often needing modernization and reinvestment.

Opportunities

- Outdoor recreation & tourism growth. Capitalize on Palisades, river access, trails, camping, and scenic drives; align with regional tourism marketing. Support for riverfront revitalizations.
- Remote work & business attraction. Market “work from here” lifestyle: scenic rural setting plus improving broadband can attract remote professionals and small digital businesses.
- Value-added agriculture & local foods. Niche crops, farm-to-table, agritourism, on-farm events, and processing that build on the existing ag base.
- New Industry and Economic Development. County is well positioned to grow in logistics, renewable energy, river-based industry, advanced agriculture, value-added manufacturing, tourism, and remote-worker-driven entrepreneurship
- Grants & regional partnerships. Federal and state funding for broadband, transportation, and resilience projects; collaboration with NWILED, Blackhawk Hills, tourism bureaus, and neighboring counties.

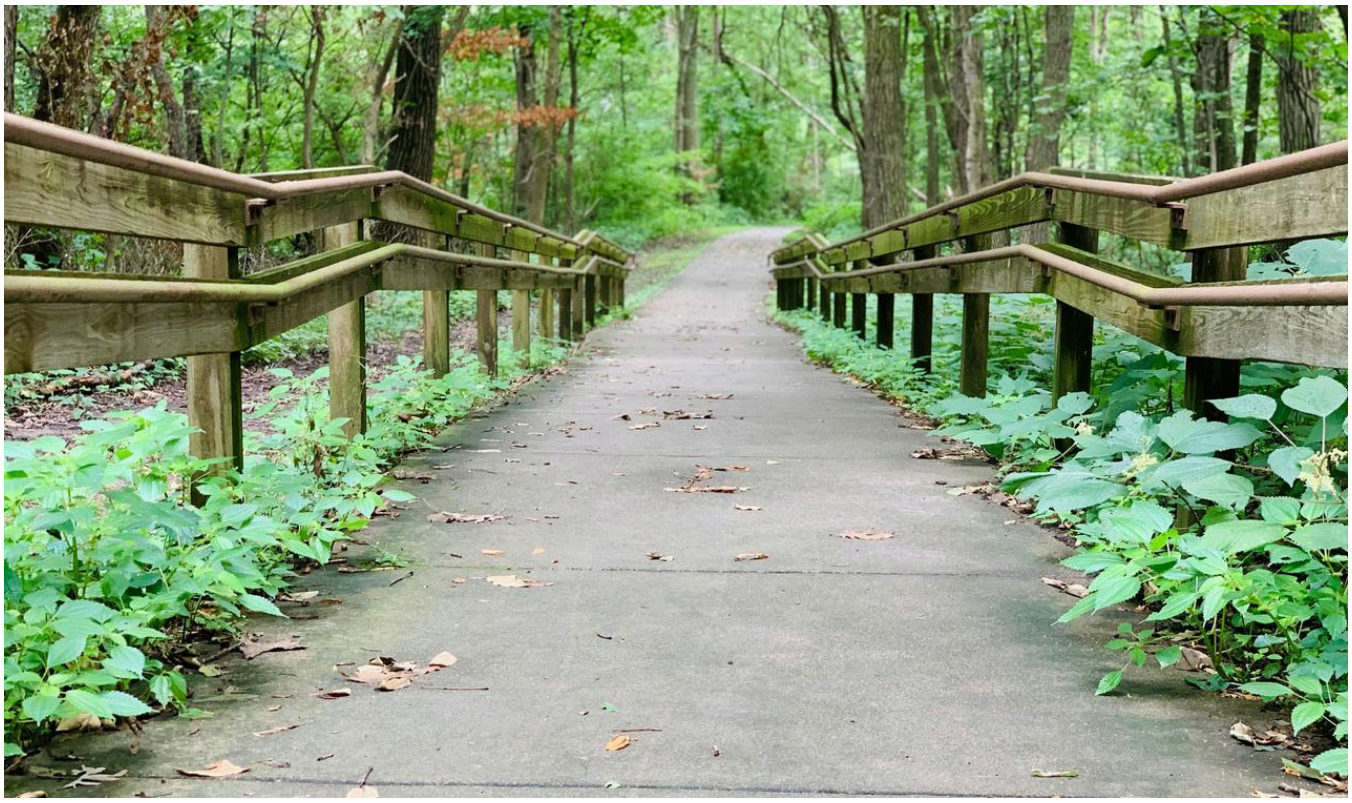
Threats

- Continued population decline & young residents leaving for education and jobs elsewhere; risk of shrinking workforce and tax base over time.
- Volatile farm economy & commodity prices. Heavy dependence on agriculture exposes the tax base and local jobs to swings in farm income and input costs.
- Local Competition. Nearby metro and micropolitan areas can out-compete Carroll County for retail, industry, and talent if incentives and amenities lag.
- Infrastructure age & stress. Aging roads, bridges, and other assets combined with heavier rain events, flooding, and erosion are cause for concern.
- Funding & Revenue. County faces increasing pressure on its long-term financial stability due to several emerging and persistent revenue challenges.
- Information Technology Security. County treats Information Technology Security as a core operational responsibility essential to protecting public data, maintaining continuity of government services, and meeting state and federal compliance standards.

Implementation Strategy

The 2027 – 2031 Carroll County Strategic Plan is designed as a dynamic document that encompasses the foundational operating blueprint for the County, as well as the expectations of its constituents and the Carroll County Board. The plan will be updated annually, allowing the County to be more agile and responsive based on the changing environment and realigning strategic priorities. Upon the plan's approval by the County Board, the County leadership will:

- Communicate the plan to employees and constituents
- Develop annual departmental and operational strategies and performance metrics so they are aligned with the Strategic Plan
- Deploy resources to most effectively meet the plan's identified goals and objectives
- Execute the strategies and objectives identified in this plan
- Conduct semi-annual performance reviews to measure progress and results against the plan's stated goals and objectives
- Provide semi-annual results to the Carroll County Board



Addendum: Future Priorities

The following areas have been identified as critical issues that will shape future updates of the Strategic Plan. These priorities require ongoing study, collaboration, and investment to ensure the county remains vibrant, resilient, and prepared for long-term success.

Declining Population

Strategies to stabilize and grow the population through new resident attraction, and quality-of-life improvements.

Housing Shortage and Affordability

Addressing housing gaps with affordable, workforce, and senior-friendly options while encouraging sustainable development.

Dilapidated Properties

Redevelopment, rehabilitation, or removal of unsafe and blighted structures to enhance community safety and aesthetics.

Health Care & Human Services

Expanding access to local healthcare, mental health resources, and supportive services to meet community needs.

Intergovernmental Collaborations

Strengthening partnerships among municipalities, the county, and regional organizations to align priorities and leverage resources.

Workforce Development

Building pathways for training, employment, and skill advancement in alignment with local business and industry needs.

Municipal Revitalization

Supporting downtown renewal, infrastructure upgrades, and economic development in local communities to foster vitality and growth.

ADOPTION OF THE COMBINED FY 2027 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Section Three: Partial Invalidity

That if any section, subdivision or sentence or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held void or invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section Four:

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and affect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the County Board of the County of Carroll, this 19th day of November, A.D., 2026.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

_____
Chair, County Board

_____
County Board Member

_____
County Board Member

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

A Resolution levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the County of Carroll, Illinois, for the fiscal year Commencing on the 1st day of December, A.D., 2026 and ending on the 30th day of November, A.D., 2027.

Be it Ordained by the County Board, Carroll County, Illinois:

Section One: That the amount hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and the same is hereby levied for the fiscal year of the said County of Carroll, Illinois, beginning the 1st day of December, A.D., 2026 and ending on the 30th day of November, A.D., 2027.

Section Two: The amount levied for each object and purpose is as follows:

General County:		
011-Corporate		1,550,280
034-Liability Insurance (including Unemployment Ins.)		211,000
060-Agriculture Co-op Extension		80,000
060-Historical Society		8,000
014-County Highway		506,142
018-Matching		280,800
013-County Bridge		250,000
026-Community Mental Health		418,218
054-County Health		18,000
020-Illinois Municipal Retirement		305,765
019-Federal Social Security		391,332
030-enior Citizens		127,000
077-Veterans Assistance Commission		137,400
	Total	4,283,937

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Adopted and passed the foregoing tax levies by a roll call vote of the County Board of Carroll County, Illinois, on November 19, 2026.

_____
Chairman of the Board

	MAX LEVY	2026 Estimated Levy	2026 Estimated Rate	2025 Estimated Levy	2025 Estimated Rate	2024 Estimated Levy	2024 Estimated Rate	2023 Estimated Levy	2023 Estimated Rate
011-General	1,620,000	1,550,280	0.24924	1,474,400	0.24573	1,362,000	0.24321	1,245,000	0.24900
034-Liability Insurance		211,000	0.03392	200,000	0.03333	200,000	0.03571	200,000	0.04000
061-Agri. Co-op Ext.	180,000	80,000	0.01286	75,000	0.01250	75,000	0.01339	75,000	0.01500
060-Historical Society	12,000	8,000	0.00129	7,000	0.00117	7,000	0.00125	6,200	0.00124
014-Highway	600,000	506,142	0.08137	486,675	0.08111	472,500	0.08438	450,000	0.09000
018-Matching	300,000	280,800	0.04514	270,000	0.04500	230,000	0.04107	220,000	0.04400
013-Bridge	300,000	250,000	0.04019	236,900	0.03948	230,000	0.04107	220,000	0.04400
026-Mental Health	600,000	418,218	0.06724	418,218	0.06970	420,000	0.07500	420,000	0.08400
054-County Health	450,000	18,000	0.00289	17,000	0.00283	16,000	0.00286	15,000	0.00300
020-IMRF		305,765	0.04916	308,000	0.05133	325,000	0.05804	325,000	0.06500
019-Social Security		391,332	0.06292	345,000	0.05750	340,000	0.06071	330,000	0.06600
030-Senior Citizens	150,000	127,000	0.02042	122,000	0.02033	122,000	0.02179	112,000	0.02240
077-VAC	180,000	137,400	0.02209	120,000	0.02000	86,600	0.01546	85,000	0.01700
Total		4,283,937	0.68874	4,080,193	0.68003	3,886,100	0.69395	3,703,200	0.74064
		104.99%		104.99%		104.94%		104.88%	0.0189
		622,000,000		600,000,000		560,000,000		500,000,000	