

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

301 N. MAIN ST., MT. CARROLL, IL

IN SMALL COURTROOM

DECEMBER 19, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Bickelhaupt called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INVOCATION was given by County Board Member David Soldat.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Roll call shows Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mr. Iske, Mr. Preston, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Flikkema, Mr. Soldat, Mrs. Appel and Mr. Barnes present. Mr. Vandermyde was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Kenneth Preston, Shannon, IL voiced his concerns on the investigations of the Melissa Trumpy and Jackson Kradle cases.

Ty Mason, Lanark, IL voiced his concerns on how the investigations of the Jackson Kradle case and several cases of bones being found in Carroll County have been handled.

Jeanne Eldrenkamp, Savanna, IL voiced her disappointment and frustration on how the custody case of her grandchildren was handled through the Court system and local law enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA – Chair Bickelhaupt presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of the December 5th Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims
4. Approval of Board Member Services

Motion by Mr. Preston, second by Ms. Jacobs to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote shows Mr. Preston, Mr. Flikkema, Mrs. Appel, Ms. Jacobs, Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Iske and Mr. Soldat all voting aye. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control- ACO Lisa Ashby was present advised no report.

Assessor- Chief County Assessor Annette Gruhn reported that about 5,000 assessment notices were mailed out yesterday. The assessments notice changes will also be published. The abstract was sent to the Illinois Department of Revenue for approval. She encourages any tax payer that received an assessment notice and has questions to contact her office.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher reported that she did appeal the decision for refusal of covering E-Citation costs. Upon appeal, the decision was made to cover the cost for E-Citation

software, but not for squad car equipment.

County Clerk- County Clerk Amy Buss was present advised no report.

Emergency Management- Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter reported that the new windows were being installed at the Highway/EOC today.

He informed the Board that several upcoming IEMA classes will take place at the new EOC.

GIS- Deputy Kolton Dimmick was present advised no report.

Highway –County Engineer Sara Renkes was not present.

Health Department – Dawn Holland was present advised no report.

Probation- Chief Probation Managing officer Marcie Arno was not present.

Sheriff & Property- Sheriff Ryan Kloepping was not present.

State’s Attorney-State’s Attorney Aaron Kaney was present advised no report.

Transit - PCOM Mary Maszk was not present due to illness.

Treasurer – County Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft was present advised no report.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals – Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner was present advised no report.

AFFILIATE REPORTS -

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council – Chair Bickelhaupt reported that the next Blackhawk Hills Regional Council meeting will be January 27, 2025.

Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce – No report.

Community Mental Health Board – No report.

Emergency Telephone System – No report

Health Board – No report.

Hotel/Motel – A report was submitted.

Jo-Carroll Enterprise Zone – A report was submitted.

Jo Daviess Carroll County Joint Action Solid Waste Agency – No report.

LRA – A report was submitted.

NWILED – A report was submitted.

Senior Services Board – County Board Member David Soldat reported that Joyce Schubert has resigned from the Board.

Tri-County Opportunities Council – No report.

United County Council of Illinois – Chair Bickelhaupt informed the Board that an email was sent out about upcoming training by UCCI on Open meetings act, FOIA, Loca Records Act, Etc. If interested RSVP by January 15th.

Veterans Assistance Commission – No report.

Whiteside/Carroll & Jo/Carroll Enterprise Zones – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee – Mr. Iske informed the Board the committee met on December 6th. They worked on defining details on renovations, additions, or new construction. The committee is hoping to have a presentation for the Board at the next January meeting. The next meeting as a committee will be January 10, 2025.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee- Mr. Flikkema reported that the committee met with the Architect on a preliminary design. They will meet with the Architect in January.

BUSINESS

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of three Carroll County Trustee Resolutions. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Preston for approval. Motion carried.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt informed the Board that due to an error the Semi-Annual Report for the County Clerk and Recorder has been pulled for Approval.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for temporary stipend to Kolton Dimmick, Deputy Assessor, for oversight of the Zoning operations in the amount of \$1,250 per month and payable during the Director of Zoning leave of absence. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Soldat to approve. Roll call shows Mr. Soldat, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Iske, Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Preston, Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mr. Flikkema and Mrs. Appel all voting aye. Motion carried.
4. Brad Fletcher explained the Illinois Finance Authority C-PACE Program for businesses only. After his presentation, several Board members asked questions. This program would be of no cost to the County. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Iske for Approval of program and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Ordinance. All members voted aye, except Mr. Preston voting nay. Motion carried.

Executive Session-None

CHAIRMAN REPORT / ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – County Administrator Jachnicki announced Marcie Arno will retire as of December 31, 2024 after 32 years of service. The County would like to thank Mrs. Arno for her dedication and service. Steve Brown has been

announced as Mrs. Arno replacement and will be begin work on January 27th.

APPOINTMENTS –

1. Chair Bickelhaupt announced at this time she does not have an appointee for QCREDA.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt announced at this time she does not have an appointee for Jo-Carroll Enterprise Zone.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Appointment of Tri-County Opportunities Council - Ron Preston through 2027. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.
4. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval reappointment of Joe Dane and James Bibler with terms thru 2027 and Appointment of Standing Board Member, David Soldat to the ETSB Board. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.
5. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval the Reappointment of David Soldat with the term till 2028 to the Senior Services Board. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.
6. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval the Reappointment of Christopher Flikkema to the BEST Board with the term till 2028. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Iske to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt announced the January 2, 2025, Board Meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be January 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Preston to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Amy R. Buss, County Clerk and Recorder