

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

301 N. MAIN ST., MT. CARROLL, IL
IN SMALL COURTROOM
APRIL 3, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.

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

INVOCATION was given by County Board Member Melinda Appel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Roll call shows Julie Bickelhaupt, Ronald Preston, Susan Jacobs, Christopher Flikkema, Melinda Appel, Jason Beyers, David Soldat and Kevin Barnes present. William Iske was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA – Chair Bickelhaupt pulled the March 20, 2025, Board Meeting minutes due to a correction that needed to be made. County Board Member Beyers noted that under Business Number 4 it should read “All voted aye, except Preston voting nay.” It read “All voted aye, except Present voting nay.” Motion by Flikkema, seconded by Preston to accept minutes with this correction. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
2. Approval of Committee on Claims

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

TABLED ITEMS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control- ACO Lisa Ashby was not present.

Assessor- Chief County Assessor Annette Gruhn reported that the County has received the 2024 Final Equalization Factor. It is 1.0000. Her office is currently inputting the 2025 Assessment Data. Rock Creek-Lima, Elkhorn Grove and Wysox are being assessed for 2025.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher was present advised no report.

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

Emergency Management- Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter was not present.

GIS- Deputy Assessor Koltin Dimmick was present advised no report.

Highway –County Engineer Sara Renkes updated the Board on Pre-construction on Big Cut Bridge, closure of Ideal Road on April 7th and possible action items on the April 17th Board Agenda.

Health Department – Dawn Holland was present advised no report.

Probation –Probation Managing Officer Steve Brown was present advised no report.

Sheriff & Property - Sheriff Ryan Kloepping reported that there will be a 12-week wait on getting the new Chairlift installed. It will take NuTrend, seven days to complete installation.

State's Attorney – Assistant State's Attorney Liz Conroy was present advised no report.

Transit – PCOM Mary Maszk was present advised no report.

Treasurer – County Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft informed the Board that the new checking account for the Health Department has been opened, and monthly balancing is much easier.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals – Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner announced she is glad to be back from maternity leave. She is working on Zoning violations.

County Administrator – County Administrator Robert Jachnicki was present advised no report.

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council – No Report.

Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce – No report.

Community Mental Health Board – No report.

Emergency Telephone System – No report.

Health Board – No report.

Hotel/Motel – No report.

Jo-Carroll Enterprise Zone – No report

Jo Daviess Carroll County Joint Action Solid Waste Agency – Flikkema reported that there is a Recycling Event on April 26th from 9 a.m. till 12 noon at 330 N. West St., Elizabeth, IL.

LRA – No report.

NWILED – No report.

Senior Services Board – No report.

Tri-County Opportunities Council – No report.

United County Council of Illinois – No report.

Veterans Assistance Commission – No report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee – Mr. Iske was absent. No report.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee- Mr. Flikkema reported that the committee is just waiting for information on funding.

Business

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Raffle License for Thomson Fast Trax. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve raffle. Motion carried.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Raffle License for Lanark Community Club. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Preston to approve raffle. Barnes abstained from voting due to him being a member of the Lanark Community Club. Motion carried.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Discussion of Carroll County Comprehensive Plan development and approval of Ad Hoc Planning Development Committee.

County Administrator Jachnicki explained the need for a new Comprehensive Plan, Benefits, Development, Key elements and Timeline.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Soldat to approve Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee which consists of Board Members Bickelhaupt, Iske, Flikkema and Beyers. Roll call shows Barnes, Appel, Jacobs, Flikkema, Preston, Soldat, Bickelhaupt and Beyers all voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report.

APPOINTMENTS –

Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of Fire Trustees-All terms ending in 2028

- Thomson-Paul Moltmann-Reappointment
- Chadwick-Cynthia Ottens-Reappointment
- Lanark-Chris Lower-Reappointment
- Mt. Carroll-Marty Rapp-Reappointment
- Milledgeville
- Savanna-Tom Ritchie-Reappointment
- Shannon-Thomas Kempel-Reappointment

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve all reappointments. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented Charla Spathies & David Schmit for Reappointment to the Hotel/Motel Board with term ending 2027. Motion by Beyers, seconded by Barnes to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented Bill Robinson for Reappointment with the term ending in 2028 to the LRA Board. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Preston to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented Dennis Roberts for Reappointment with the term ending in 2027 to FTZ Board. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Preston to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt announced that the next Board meeting will be April 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Preston to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

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