

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

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

SMALL COURTROOM

AUGUST 7, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by County Board Member David Soldat.

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Iske called the Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA-Vice Chair Iske presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of July 17th Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

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

TABLED ITMES- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control-ACO Lisa Larson was not present.

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

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher was not present.

County Clerk-County Clerk Amy Buss reported that petition packets for the March 2026 General Primary Election are available for County Offices. She stated the first day to file petitions is October 27, 2025 and the last day is November 3, 2025.

Emergency Management-Emergency Director Jim Klinefelter was not present.

GIS-GIS Director Jermey Hughes introduced himself to the Board. He reported that he is working on the redesign of the County website. County Board Member Susan Jacobs welcomed him back to Carroll County.

Highway-A monthly report was submitted.

County Engineer Sara Renkes reported that four bid packets for the new pickup truck and trade in were received. She would like to proceed with the purchase from Kunes for a 2024 Ram 2500 Tradesman. The bid was \$46,368.52 with trade-in which is under the budgeted amount within the Highway fund. She stated she will be adding lights, bedliner, and steps which will be an additional cost. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the purchase.

Health Department-Dawn Holland was present advised no report.

Probation-Probation Manager Officer Steve Brown was present advised not report.

Sheriff-Sheriff Ryan Kloepping reported that his department is patrolling the Carroll County Fair this week.

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

Transit- PCOM Mary Maszk reported that the FY25-26 DOAP (Downstate Operating Assistance Program) will be signed soon. She was happy to report that FY2026 5311 has been approved. Those are federal funds.

Treasurer- Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft reported that Department heads have been busy working on their budgets in ClearGov.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals-Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner was present advised to report.

County Administrator- County Administrator Robert Jachnicki reported on the CIRMA conference which he attended on July 24th in Bloomington.

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council-No Report.

Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce-No Report.

Community Mental Health-No Report.

Emergency Telephone System-No Report.

Health Board-No Report.

Hotel/Motel Board-No Report.

Jo Daviess/Carroll Co. Joint Action Solid Waste Agency- Monthly Report submitted.

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.

Veterans Assistance Commission-Monthly Report submitted.

Whiteside/Carroll & Jo/Carroll Enterprise Zones-No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee- County Board Member Iske advised no report.

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

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee- Vice Chair Iske reported the committee is reviewing data. The committee is working on surveys.

Ad Hoc Highway Committee- County Board Member Appel reported that a tentative meeting has been scheduled for August 27th at 10:30 a.m.

Before budget presentations were given, County Administrator Jachnicki explained the budget procedure. He also explained the Board will hear presentations, but no decisions will be made until the conclusion of all presentations. Notification from the Board will be sent at a later date regarding approval of budget requests.

BUSINESS

1. Budget Presentations

- Community Mental Health - Beth Wilkinson presented and explained the budget request for the Community Mental Health Board. The total budget request is \$444,246. Vice Chair Iske thanked her for her time.
- Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District - Richard Siedenbourg read a letter that was provided in the Board packet. The Soil & Water Conservation District is asking for \$15,000 to be budgeted. Vice Chair Iske thanked him for his time.
- Jo Daviess/Carroll County Solid Waste Agency - Craig Dimmick representing Jo Daviess/Carroll County Solid Waste Agency submitted a spreadsheet of the proposed FY2025-2026 Budget. The agency is asking for the same budgeted amount as last year, which was \$7,500. Vice Chair Iske thanked him for his time.
- Veterans Assistance Commission - Representing the Veterans Assistance Commission was Wayne Leonard, Ellis Atherton, Doug Bergren, and Ronda Riffe Rathje. A video presentation was given and explained by Wayne Leonard. Their budget request is \$166,000. It is currently \$86,620. The increase is due to the need to pay for more hours of work due to the back caseloads and needing new computers, battery backups and software. Vice Chair Iske thanked them for their time. County Board Member Beyers thanked them for their service.
- Carroll County Historical Society - Anne Hailotis, Treasurer of the Carroll County Historical Society, presented a letter for their request that was included in the Board packet. Their request is \$8,000. Vice Chair Iske thanked her for her time.

2. State's Attorney Kaney presented and explained the New Opioid Settlement agreement with Perdue & Sackler. He needs authorization to sign the agreement. Motion by Flikkema, second by Soldat giving the State's Attorney authorization to sign the agreement. Motion carried.
3. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval for the County Bridge Aid Fund Resolution to allocate from the Bridge Aid Fund to the Oil Valley School Road Piling Repair Project Section 25-00106-00-BR. County Engineer Renkes explained the request. Motion by Beyers, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Roll call shows Barnes, Appel, Jacobs, Flikkema, Soldat, Beyers, and Iske all voting aye. Motion carried.
4. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval of Washington Township Bridge Aid request to replace the culvert located on Camp Creek Road. The total estimate of the project is \$8,100. County Engineer Renkes explained the request. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Soldat to approve. Roll shows Flikkema, Jacobs, Iske, Soldat, Beyers, Appel, and Barnes all voting aye. Motion carried.
5. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval of Resolution for the County's Bridge Aid fund for \$4,050. County Engineer Renkes explained. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Barnes to approve. Roll call shows Appel, Beyers, Flikkema, Iske, Jacobs, Barnes, and Soldat all voting aye. Motion carried.
6. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval of Wysox Township Bridge Aid request to repair wood piling on Prowant Road. The total estimate of the project is \$48,600. County Engineer Renkes explained. Motion by Jacobs, second by Beyers to approve. Roll call shows Jacobs, Appel, Iske, Barnes, Soldat, Flikkema, and Beyers all voting aye. Motion carried.
7. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval of Resolution for the County's Bridge Aid fund for \$24,300. County Engineer Renkes explained the Resolution. Motion by Beyers, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Roll call shows Jacobs, Iske, Flikkema, Barnes, Beyers, Soldat, and Appel all voting aye. Motion carried.
8. Vice Chair Iske presented for Approval of Raffle License for Shannon Lions Club. Motion by Jacobs, second by Soldat to approve. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Pending Litigation under Section 2 (c) (11)

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to go into executive session at 5:11 p.m. Roll call shows Iske, Flikkema, Barnes, Beyers, Soldat, Jacobs and Appel all voting aye. Motion carried.

Out of executive session at 5:17 p.m. with no action taken.

CHAIR REPORT- No Report.

APPOINTMENTS- None

Motion by Jacobs, second by Appel to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be on August 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the small courtroom.

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