

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

301 N. MAIN ST., MT. CARROLL, IL
IN SMALL COURTROOM
JANUARY 16, 2025 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 Melinda Appel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Kenneth Preston, Shannon, IL voiced his support of the Melissa Trumpy and Jackson Kradle families.

Todd Matteson, Lanark, IL voiced his concerns that several county leaders and/or elected county officials are financial contributors to the Carroll County Republican Central Committee and how this affects the county when those officials have the authority to appoint county leadership.

Jason Abney, Savanna, IL voiced his concerns regarding the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and that he feels threatened by them.

Benny Affrunti spoke on behalf of Melissa Trumpy's children and to advocate for all the victims of crimes of Carroll County. He feels law enforcement in the county is too compromised. He supports the federal government being called in to investigate.

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

1. Approval of the December 19th Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mrs. Appel to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote shows Mr. Preston, Mr. Flikkema, Mrs. Appel, Ms. Jacobs, Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mr. Iske, and Mr. Soldat 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 on the tentative equalization factor that was presented in the board packet, and she is proud to report that the factor is 1.0000.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher received notification that the grant money is being sent and items to be used with grant funds have been ordered. She continues to clean up the basement and has 75 boxes to be scanned.

County Clerk- Deputy Clerk Jane Adolph was present advised no report.

Emergency Management- Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter reported that the grant was received for the two generators. One is for the EOC and the other is for the maintenance building. Because the grant was received, costs for the initial writing of the grant will be reimbursed. Mr. Iske questioned the maintenance/service agreement for the generators. Director Klinefelter will research a long-term service agreement for when the one-year agreement expires.

GIS- Chief County Assessor Annette Gruhn reported that Deputy Assessor Kolton Dimmick worked with IDOT to get their requested maps.

Highway – County Engineer Sara Renkes presented her monthly report. New trucks from Bonnell are slated to arrive next week. The Army is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 5 p.m. at the West Carroll High School in Savanna regarding their plan with the LRA for Parcel 20. Discussion followed regarding Parcel 20.

Health Department – Health Department Administrator Kerry Whipple was present to introduce herself.

Probation – New Chief Probation Managing Officer Steve Brown will begin work on Monday, January 27, 2025.

Sheriff & Property - Sheriff Ryan Kloepping was not present.

State's Attorney - State's Attorney Aaron Kaney reported that his Victim's Assistant was hired by the Probation Department and therefore will be hiring a new Victim's Assistant.

Transit - PCOM Mary Maszk presented her monthly report.

Treasurer – County Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft reported the auditors will be conducting their yearly audit the week of January 20, 2025.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals – Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner reported she is meeting with an Amish community from Indiana to discuss their plan for their property on Scenic Palisades. Mr. Iske questioned how zoning complaints are submitted and reported. Discussion.

County Administrator – County Administrator Robert Jachnicki reported that with the departure of our Computer Dynamics technician, the installation of Microsoft 365 will be delayed until February.

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 – No report.

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 reported they met with Wold on January 10, 2025 to further discuss comparing value between jail renovation and new construction.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee- Mr. Flikkema reported that the next meeting will be held the end of January.

BUSINESS

Matt Bickel, Wold, presented an inmate housing update. In his presentation, he highlighted the process underwent by the committee, reviewed the schematic design objectives that were established regarding jail expansion and compared that to a new construction option.

At the end of the presentation, motion by Mr. Iske and second by Mr. Flikkema to move forward with the necessary current jail repairs to comply with the safety requirements and DOC findings; and develop a strategic plan for future state needs of remodel or new jail construction. This will allow time to build up capital, to fund the initiative and provide an appropriate evaluation period of how the Safety Act affects Carroll County jail population in the long term. Discussion. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval the Semi-Annual Report for the County Clerk and Recorder. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Preston for approval. Roll call vote shows Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Soldat, Mr. Iske, Mr. Preston, Mrs. Appel, Mr. Flikkema, and Mrs. Bickelhaupt all voting aye. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval Carroll County Pheasants Forever Raffle License. Motion by Mr. Preston, second by Ms. Jacobs to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval Chair Lift Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$61,821.00. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Preston for approval. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval Opioid Settlement Fund Request for drug testing in the amount of \$520.68. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mrs. Appel to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval the Amended Resolution to correct the error of the County Circuit Clerk FY2025 salary. Motion by Mr. Iske, second by Ms. Jacobs to approve. Roll call vote shows Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mrs. Appel, Mr. Soldat, Mr. Preston, Mr. Iske, Mr. Flikkema, and Ms. Jacobs all voting aye. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval the Petition for Bridge Aid from Rock Creek Lima Township Section 31259 Willow Road in the amount of \$14,040.00 and allocation of County Bridge Aid funds in the amount of \$7,020.00. Motion by Mr. Preston, second by Ms. Jacobs to approve. Roll call vote shows Mr. Flikkema, Mrs. Bickelhaupt, Mrs. Appel, Mr. Soldat, Mr. Preston, Mr. Iske, and Ms. Jacobs all voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CHAIRMAN REPORT – Chair Bickelhaupt expressed her confidence in the courthouse and its employees.

APPOINTMENTS –

Chair Bickelhaupt announced at this time she does not have an appointee for QCRED.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Appointment of Carroll County Mental Health Board – Melinda Appel. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Appointment of Black Hawk Hills Regional Council – Kevin Barnes. Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mrs. Appel to approve. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt announced the next meeting will be February 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Jacobs, second by Mr. Preston to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Jane E. Adolph, Deputy Clerk