

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

301 N. MAIN ST., MT. CARROLL, IL
IN SMALL COURTROOM
MARCH 6, 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 Susan Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENT-Chair Bickelhaupt asked for a motion for the Approval of Appointing Jason Beyers to fill the vacancy for County Board District Three thru November 2026. Motion by Jacobs, second Appel to approve. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Kenneth Preston, Shannon, IL asked the Board to consider having their Board meetings recorded by using Zoom or YouTube.

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

1. Approval of the February 20, 2025 Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

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

TABLED ITEMS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control- ACO Lisa Ashby was not present due to four dogs being surrendered at the pound.

Assessor- Chief County Assessor Annette Gruhn reported that their office and the Board of Review are working on the appeals process for the 2024 assessments. She stated that they usually have around 30 to 40 appeals annually, but this year they have 199.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher was not present.

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

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

GIS- Deputy Assessor Kolton Dimmick was present advised not report.

Highway –A monthly report was submitted.

County Engineer Sara Renkes introduced Arnold “Arnie” Vegter, Union Grove Township Road Commissioner and a member of Township Officials of Illinois. Mr. Vegter explained Senate Bill 2217 and Senate Bill 2504. Senate Bill 2217 is a Low Population Township District Dissolution proposal and Senate Bill 2504 is a Township Consolidation and Merger proposal. He encouraged the Board members and the public to notify their local State Senator and local State Representative to encourage them not to support this legislation.

There were local Township Road Commissioners at the Board meeting to show they opposed this pending legislation.

Health Department – Dawn Holland was present advised no report.

Probation –Probation Managing Officer Steve Brown informed the Board that the new Administrative Assistant, Jamie Rowe has begun training.

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 attending the RTAC (Rural Transit Assistance Center) Conference.

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

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals – Deputy Assessor Koltin Dimmick reported that the four items presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 3rd will be on the March 20th agenda for consideration.

He reported hearing from the Solar Farm in regards to the non-compliance letter. They are asking for an extension on complying with the requirement of planting a vegetive screening. They are asking to extend to April when their landscaper is available. After discussion, State’s Attorney Kaney informed it would be the Board’s decision on the extension and should be placed on March 20th Board Agenda.

County Administrator – County Administrator Robert Jachnicki reported that Microsoft 365 will be installed by Computer Dynamics on all County Department computers starting tomorrow.

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 advised the committee will be meeting on March 20th after the Board meeting. Review of jail repairs and prioritization will be on the agenda.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee- Mr. Flikkema advised no report.

Business

1. A power point presentation of the FY2024 Carroll County Financial Audit was presented by Matt Schueler of Wipfli.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt asked for a motion for the Consideration to accept the FY2024 Carroll County Audit. Motion by Iske, second by Preston. Motion carried.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Motion by Preston, second by Jacobs to approve. Motion carried.
4. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Raffle License for Mississippi Flyway Waterfowl, USA. Motion by Jacobs, second by Preston to approve. Motion carried.
5. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of Resolution to Extend Adjournment Date for Board of Review. Chief County Assessor explained this Resolution is needed to extend adjournment date out to April 15, 2025. Motion by Preston, second by Jacobs to approve with the correction of it reading, April 15, 2025 not April 19, 2025 in the last paragraph of the Resolution. Motion carried.
6. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of Carroll County Farm Bureau/Support Carroll County Agriculture. Motion by Iske, second by Flikkema to approve. Motion carried. Victoria Hansen, FBCM Manager thanked the Board for continued support shown to the Farm Bureau and the Agriculture community.

7. County Engineer Renkes explained and presented for Approval by the County Board vote giving Sara Renkes, County Engineer and Sirena Brinkmeier, Office Manager, Certificate of Authority to place Carroll County's Salt acquisition within the CMS web-based system. Motion by Jacobs, second by Beyers to approve. Motion carried.
8. County Engineer Renkes explained and presented for Approval and support to apply for the Rural Tribal Assistance Pilot Program to receive federal funding for the design of Army Depot Road from Main Ave to IL Rte. 84. She will be working with Blackhawk Waterways on writing this grant. This is at no cost to the County. Motion by Jacobs, second by Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

CHAIRMAN REPORT – No report.

APPOINTMENTS – None

Chair Bickelhaupt announced the next meeting will be March 20, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Preston, second by Soldat to adjourn at 4:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Amy R. Buss, County Clerk