

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

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

SMALL COURTROOM

MAY 1, 2025 AT 4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by Chair Bickelhaupt.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Public Comments.

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

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

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

TABLED ITMES- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control-ACO Lisa Ashby was not present.

Assessor- Chief County Assessor Annette Gruhn informed the Board that Deputy Assessors Amy Veith and Karen Medendorp attended Vanguard's yearly training seminar in Bloomington. She was happy to announce that Deputy Karen Medendorp entered Vanguard's photo contest and won \$1,000 worth of service credit.

She also reported they are working on Certificate of Errors and explained the reason for Certificate of Errors and the procedure.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher was not present.

County Clerk-County Clerk Amy Buss reported that she will be updating the Voter Registration Software. The cost will be covered by the IVRS grant through the Illinois State Board of Elections, and therefore the updated software will be of no cost to the County.

Emergency Management-Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter reported that the County will most likely not receive the grant money from BRIC for the generator. This is due to the cutting of Federal funds for grants. He will find out more information while he is in Washington D.C. the second week of May.

He informed the Board that he will meet the new IEMA Director in Springfield next week.

GIS-Deputy Assessor Koltin Dimmick reported that a new replacement head was placed on the GIS printer.

He reported that parcel splits have been sent to Sidwell to process. Chief County Assessor Gruhn informed the board she is not happy with Sidwell's response time on processing these splits.

Highway-A monthly report was submitted.

County Engineer Sara Renkes highlighted from her report the Johnson Creek Bridge SN 008-3261 on Oil Valley School Road. Due to the deterioration of the steel piling under the bridge, the structure has been weight-limited by IDOT to 6 tons. After discussion, it was the consensus that she gets estimates on repairing the bridge and replacing the bridge.

Health Department-Dawn Holland was not present.

Probation-Probation Manager Officer Steve Brown reported that he has an approved contract with the Office of Statewide Pre-Trial Supervision. He will have the State's Attorney look over the contract for approval.

Sheriff-Sheriff Ryan Kloepping and Chief Deputy Ryan Lambert are in Springfield at the annual ceremony that honors Illinois Fallen Heros in Law Enforcement.

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

Transit-PCOM Mary Maszk was not present.

Treasurer- Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft reported that her office is testing tax bills. She informed the Board that tax bills will be mailed out the third week of May.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals-Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner informed the Board she will be attending a Zoning conference/training at Starved Rock on May 2nd.

County Administrator- County Administrator Robert Jachnicki informed the Board that he attended CIRMA Board of Directors meeting on April 21st in Bloomington. The County received \$781.00 for CIRMA Surplus Dividends.

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council-No Report.

Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce-No Report.

Community Mental Health-Melinda Appel reported that the committee will meet on June 10th.

Emergency Telephone System-No Report.

Health Board-No Report.

Hotel/Motel Board-No Report.

Jo Daviess/Carroll Co. Joint Action Solid Waste Agency-Melinda Appel reported on the April 24th meeting held in Hanover. The next meeting will be July 24th in Hanover. The Agency is looking for a Jo Daviess County Director to fill a vacancy. She received an email from Mark Maidak that the April 26th Collection Event went very well.

LRA-A monthly report was submitted.

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 no report due to action item under Business.

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

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee- County Administrator Jachnicki will meet with Blackhawk Hills Regional Council on May 5th. The Council has helped other neighboring Counties with their Comprehensive Plan. Chair Bickelhaupt announced the committee will meet on May 20, 2025.

BUSINESS

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Potential Renovation of Special Use Permit #19-04-500500 (Zoning Solar Permit) Ref: Boyd Jones Construction Job # 19-036. Zoning Officer Buckner reported that trees have been planted. She passed around photos of the planted trees. Discussion on the planted vegetative screening. The consensus of the Board was to ask the Solar company to plant more trees for better coverage. Zoning Officer Buckner will look at the current ordinance and update the wording on what is expected for vegetative screening for Board Approval.
2. Vice Chair Iske presented that it is the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee for Approval of County Jail project repairs of dormitory cell to address maintenance and safety risks by Jay Zickau Construction of \$14,290 and Plattenberger Plumbing and Heating (plumbing estimate includes a contingency factor) of \$7,500 utilizing Fund 85-Capital Projects Unrestricted in the total \$21,790. Furthermore, approval for the County Board Chair to approve any project change orders not to exceed an additional amount of \$8,209. Motion by Iske, seconded by

Appel to approve. Discussion. Roll call shows Beyers, Jacobs, Appel, Flikkema, Bickelhaupt, Iske and Barnes all voting aye. Motion carried.

3. County Engineer Sara Renkes explained and presented for Approval of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network's updated Resolution via a board vote, giving the County approval to enter into their updated Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion by Beyers, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Roll call shows Flikkema, Appel, Jacobs, Bickelhaupt, Barnes, Iske, and Beyers all voting aye. Motion carried.
4. County Engineer Sara Renkes explained and presented for Approval of the Resolution for Vision Zero in Carroll County. Motion by Barnes, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Motion carried.
5. County Engineer Sara Renkes explained and presented for Approval of the Pavement Marking Contract with Varsity Striping and Construction Company of \$18,366.81 to be paid out of the County MFT fund. Motion by Iske, seconded by Appel to approve. Roll call shows Jacobs, Barnes, Appel, Flikkema, Iske, Bickelhaupt and Beyers all voting aye. Motion carried.
6. County Engineer Sara Renkes explained and presented for Approval of the Hot Mix Asphalt Apply on Road Contract with Civil Constructors for \$276,736.00 to be paid out of the County MFT Fund. Discussion. County Engineer Renkes will speak with Civil on options. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Iske to table. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

CHAIR REPORT-Chair Bickelhaupt informed the Board that County Board Member Ron Preston is hospitalized with pneumonia.

APPOINTMENTS-Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval for Jo/Carroll Solid Waste Agency reappointment of Les Guenzler through 2028 and Appointment of Melinda Appel as Carroll County Board Appointment, replacing Christopher Flikkema. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Barnes to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Appel to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried.

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