

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
301 N. MAIN ST., MT. CARROLL, IL
SMALL COURTROOM
NOVEMBER 6, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by County Board Member Melinda Appel.

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, David Soldat, Christopher Flikkema, Jason Beyers and Melinda Appel. Ronald Preston was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

CONSENT AGENDA- Chair Bickelhaupt presented the consent agenda. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call shows Beyers, Barnes, Appel, Soldat, Flikkema, Jacobs, Iske and Bickelhaupt all voting aye. Motion carried.

TABLED ITMES- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control- ACO Lisa Larson was not present due to her processing a dog adoption.

Assessor- Chief Assessor Annette Gruhn reported that the office is working on assessment data. She will be attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Shimer Square. She will be meeting with operators on getting information so assessments can be determined.

Circuit Clerk- Circuit Clerk Patty Hiher advised no report.

County Clerk-County Clerk Amy Buss advised no report.

Emergency Management-Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter came late to the meeting. No report.

GIS-GIS Director Jerney Hughes advised no report.

Highway-A monthly report was submitted.

County Engineer Sara Renkes reminded that The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges drivers to check for open vehicle safety recalls at least twice a year. She provided a link in her report.

Health Department- Dawn Holland advised no report.

Probation-Probation Manager Officer Steve Brown advised no report.

Sheriff-Sheriff Ryan Kloepping reported on Wednesday, November 19th, that there will be an electronics recycling company at the Courthouse to pick up any electronic items that need to be discarded.

He reported that the Chairlift project has started and will take 6 weeks to complete. The chair lifts were paid by a grant. They have three-year warranties.

He also reported that the plumbers have started the jail project.

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

Transit- PCOM Mary Maszk reported on the \$129 million that is budgeted for the Downstate Public Transportation Agencies. She also reported on the Annual DOAP reimbursement.

Treasurer- Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft reported that the annual tax sale was earlier this morning.

She will be making the final tax distribution in the next two weeks.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals-Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner reported the ZBA Board will be having regular scheduled meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the conference room. They will be working on ordinance amendments to Chapter 700.

County Administrator- County Administrator Jachnicki advised no report.

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- No Report.

LRA-Monthly Report.

NWILED-No Report.

Senior Services Board-No Report.

Tri-County Opportunities Council-County Board Member Soldat reported that he participated in a two-hour zoom meeting.

United County Council of Illinois-No Report.

Veterans Assistance Commission-Monthly Report.

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 reported the committee will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee- Chair Bickelhaupt reported the committee will meet on November 14th at 1 p.m. at the Highway Department. They will review and discuss the information provided by the surveys.

Ad Hoc Highway Committee- County Board Member Appel advised no report.

BUSINESS

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of the 2026 Health Care Insurance Renewal. Country Financial Representative John Bickelhaupt presented the changes of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois 2026 Standard Plan. A handout of the changes was included in the Board Packet. He reported that the increase for Employee insurance has increased by 7.7%, which makes the monthly premium \$792.45 from \$736.07. A handout was provided in the Board Packet that shows the Insurance Monthly Premiums since 2023. Motion by Jacobs, second by Flikkema to approve the 2026 Health Care Insurance Renewal. Roll call shows Barnes, Appel, Jacobs, Flikkema, Soldat, Bickelhaupt, Beyers and Iske all voting aye. Motion carried.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Raffle License for Milledgeville Men's Club. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Iske to approve. Motion carried.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Raffle License for the Milledgeville High School Baseball. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Beyers to approve. Motion carried.
4. State's Attorney Kaney presented for Approval of the State Appellate Prosecutor's Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve. Roll call shows Jacobs, Appel, Barnes, Soldat, Beyers, Bickelhaupt, Flikkema and Iske all voting aye. Motion carried.
5. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval to transfer \$4,490.40 from the 055 Grant fund into the Matching Fund to meet requirement of .045% of EAV levy during the year of 2023. County Engineer Renkes explained the need for this Resolution. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Appel to approve. Roll call shows Appel, Flikkema, Iske, Beyers, Jacobs, Bickelhaupt, Soldat and Barnes all voting aye. Motion carried.
6. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Reconciliation
 - County Administrator Jachnicki presented Personnel staffing level recommendations for two Patrol Deputies for the Sheriff's Department. The cost for the Patrol Deputy #1 would be

\$107, 226. This would be funded by the Public Safety Department Fund (37). The cost for Patrol Deputy #2 would be funded through several funds. The money would be allocated from the Public Safety Fund (37) in the amount of \$31,498, Grant Fund (55) in the amount of \$10,000, 911 Fund (41) in the amount of \$5,755, and the General Fund (11) in the amount of \$125,000. This was possible due to several departments cutting their budget requests. A handout was provided by County Administrator Jachnicki that showed the figures he was discussing. Motion by Iske, seconded by Beyers to approve the Allocation of funds that were discussed for the hiring of the Personnel staffing level recommendation. Roll call shows Bickelhaupt, Iske, Appel, Jacobs, Barnes, Beyers, Soldat and Flikkema all voting aye. Motion carried.

- County Treasurer Hutchcraft requested changes to the Probation Department Budget on their behalf.

Here are the changes requested:

011-25—00-7059 Should be \$52,244.98 per the amended compensation plan for the 15th circuit. Administrative Order 2025-16. Probation Officer salaries are reimbursed by the State.

011-25-00-7065 Should be \$49,757.39 per the amended compensation plan for the 15th circuit. Administrative Order 2025-16. Probation Officer salaries are reimbursed by the State.

011-25-00-7081 This should be \$88,400 as per Administrative Order 2025-13 Probation Management Compensation Schedule. Probation Officer salaries are reimbursed by the state.

PCOM Mary Maszk is asking that under the Transit Fund (74) the name of line item 3367 under Revenue and line item 5171 under Expenses reads fundraising not donations. She would like \$2,000 budgeted on each line item.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve these changes to the current draft budget. Roll call shows Beyers, Jacobs, Appel, Flikkema, Bickelhaupt, Soldat, Iske and Barnes all voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on GIS aerial flyover and possible alternatives. After discussion, it was the consensus to proceed with the aerial flyover budgeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Chair Bickelhaupt asked for a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining under Section (c) (2) and Pending Litigation under Section 2 (c) (2) at 4:57 p.m. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to approve. Roll call shows Iske, Soldat, Bickelhaupt, Beyers, Appel, Flikkema, Jacobs, and Barnes. Motion carried.

Back into Regular Session at 6:32 p.m. No action taken.

CHAIR REPORT- None

APPOINTMENTS-

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented Approval of Susan Jacobs to the Upper Mississippi River International Port District replacing Ken Sandy who is resigning. Motion by Soldat, second by Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Kevin Barnes to the Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee in the absence of Ronald Preston. Motion by Iske, second by Jacobs to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Iske, seconded by Jacobs to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be on November 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the small courtroom.

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