

CARROLL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

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

SMALL COURTROOM

APRIL 2, 2026, AT 4:00 P.M.

INVOCATION was given by County Board Member William Iske.

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, Susan Jacobs, Christopher Flikkema, David Soldat, Jason Beyers, Melinda Appel, William Iske, Kevin Barnes and Judy Fitzpatrick were all present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Approval of March 19, 2026, Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

Chair Bickelhaupt asked for the March 19, 2026 Board meeting minutes to be pulled from the consent agenda due to Judy Fitzpatrick's last name being misspelled throughout the minutes.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Iske to approve the March 19, 2026, Board meeting minutes with the correction being made to Judy Fitzpatrick's last name throughout the minutes. Roll call vote shows Appel, Bickelhaupt, Beyers, Flikkema, Fitzpatrick, Iske, Jacobs, Barnes and Soldat all voting aye. Motion carried.

Chair Bickelhaupt asked for a motion to approve Bills Paid in Vacation and Committee on Claims. Motion by Iske, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Roll call vote shows Bickelhaupt, Appel, Flikkema, Beyers, Fitzpatrick, Iske, Jacobs, Soldat and Barnes all voting aye. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control- ACO Lisa Larson was not present.

Assessor- Chief Assessor Annette Gruhn reported the County received their 2025 Final Equalization factor of 1.0000.

Circuit Clerk- Deputy Circuit Clerk Bridget O'Neill advised no report.

County Clerk-County Clerk Amy Buss reported that she has started tax extension but cannot continue until she receives EAV's from overlapping counties.

Emergency Management-Emergency Management Director Jim Klinefelter advised no report.

GIS-GIS Director Jerney Hughes advised no report.

Health Department- Dawn Holland advised no report.

Highway-Monthly Report was submitted. County Engineer was present but had no additions to her monthly report.

Probation- Chief Probation Managing Officer Steve Brown advised no report.

Sheriff-911 Coordinator Matt Magill reported that the department has received a Traffic Safety Grant.

He reported the Sheriff's Department will be implementing the K-9 program again and all expenses will be paid with donations.

State's Attorney-State's Attorney Michael O'Brien wanted to thank everyone at the Courthouse for making him feel welcome. He is getting settled in and working on prioritizing his cases.

Transit- PCOM Mary Maszk was not present.

Treasurer- Treasurer Lydia Hutchcraft informed the Board that she has set the dates for tax installment payments to be due July 1, 2026, and September 1, 2026.

She reported that retro pay for all bargaining units will be deposited in their accounts on April 3rd.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals- Zoning Officer Jaicee Buckner reported that there will be a ZBA meeting on April 6th at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room.

She reported that she attended a conference on Data Centers.

County Administrator- County Administrator Jachnicki advised that the County had a preliminary meeting with Reagan Mass Transit District related to the County's Transit Program.

AFFILIATE REPORTS

Blackhawk Hills Regional Council-No report.

Business Employment Skills Team/Workforce-No report.

Community Mental Health Board-County Board Member Appel advised that the Board will meet April 14th at 5 p.m. at the Davis Center.

Emergency Telephone System-No report.

Health Board-No report.

Hotel/Motel Board-No report.

Jo Daviess/Carroll Co. Joint Action Solid Waste Agency- County Board Member Appel reported there will be a Recycling Event on April 18th in Elizabeth.

LRA- No report.

NWILED- No report.

Senior Services Board-No Report.

Tri-County Opportunities Council-County Board Member Soldat reported he has been attending meetings by zoom. The Council has applied for over \$7 million in Federal Grants.

United County Council of Illinois- Chair Bickelhaupt reported she will be attending the UCCI Legislative Conference on April 14th and 15th.

Veterans Assistance Commission-County Board Member Jacobs reported that the Veterans Assistance Commission is considering converting into a Tri-County Program.

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

Upper Mississippi River International Port District-No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Inmate Housing Committee- No report.

Ad Hoc Transit Garage Committee-No report.

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee-County Chair Bickelhaupt advised that the committee will meet on April 9th at 8 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Ad Hoc Highway Committee- County Board Member Appel reported the committee will meet on April 10th at 7 a.m. at the Highway Department. They are working on employees' evaluations.

BUSINESS

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Proclamation-Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A representative from Riverview Center invited the Board and public to attend Evening of Light that will be held in Dubuque, IA. Keynote Speaker will be Jim Schmidt, Stepfather of Gabby Petito. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Soldat to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried.
2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Proclamation-Motorcycle Awareness Month. Motion by Iske, seconded by Jacobs to approve. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

Chair Report-No report.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Chair Bickelhaupt presented reappointing Rob Davies to the Jo-Carroll Foreign Trade Zone with his term ending in 2029. Motion by Jacobs, second by Barnes to approve. Motion carried.

2. Chair Bickelhaupt presented reappointing Susan Jacobs, Board Liaison, and Bill Wright to the LRA Board with their terms ending in 2029. Motion by Soldat, second by Flikkema to approve. Motion carried.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented the following names for reappointment as Fire Trustees with their terms ending in 2029:
Chadwick-Michael Johnson
Lanark-Robert Bradbury
Mt. Carroll-Ron Buckwalter
Savanna-Robert Canier
Thomson-Bill Pilgrim
Shannon-Pat Miller
Motion by Barnes, second by Jacobs to approve all appointments. Motion carried.
4. Chair Bickelhaupt presented the following names for appointment and reappointment to the Hotel/Motel Tax Board with their term ending in 2028:
Appointing Natasha Ritchie to replace Maria Krull
Reappointing Sherry Vidinich and Susan Jacobs, Board Liaison
Motion by Soldat, second by Flikkema to approve all appointments. Motion carried.

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Flikkema to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. Motion carried.

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