Carroll County Board Meeting
301 N. Main St., Mt. Carroll, IL
Small Courtroom
October 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

County Board Member Iske gave the Opening Prayer.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL-Roll call shows Julie Bickelhaupt, William Iske, Susan Jacobs, David Soldat, Melinda Appel, Christopher Flikkema, and Jason Beyers. Judy Fitzpatrick was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Wayne Leonard, VAC Superintendent spoke on their support for Carroll County Transit.

CONSENT AGENDA-

1. Approval of September 17, 2026, meeting minutes
2. Approval of Bills Paid in Vacation
3. Approval of Committee on Claims

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Soldat to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote shows Flikkema, Jacobs, Appel, Bickelhaupt, Soldat, Beyers and Iske all voting aye. Motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS-None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control-ACO Larson was not present.

Assessor-Chief Assessor Dimmick reported he has hired a new Deputy Assessor that will begin on October 15th.

He gave an estimate of the EAV for tax year 2025 of 622,000,000 before exemptions.

Circuit Clerk-Circuit Clerk Hiher reported she has applied for an ADA grant to repair the handicap elevators. She asked for a letter from the Board in support of using the grant for the repairs to submit with her grant request.

County Clerk and Recorder-County Clerk & Recorder Buss advised no report.

Emergency Management-Emergency Management Director Klinefelter was not present.

GIS-GIS Director Hughes reported the new County website will go live on Monday, October 5th.

Health Department-Dawn Holland advised no report.

Highway-County Engineer Renkes was not in attendance due to being at a conference in Moline, IL

Probation-Chief Probation Managing Officer Brown reported they are conducting interviews for their vacancy. He hopes they will have someone hired by the end of next week.

Sheriff-Sheriff Kloepping reported that the exterior work on the water fountain is completed. The plumbing repair will start soon.

State's Attorney- State's Attorney O'Brien reported he is looking at a case management system.

He will be attending a State's Attorney conference in December.

Transit-PCOM Mary Maszk was present.

A monthly report was submitted in the Board Packet.

Treasurer-Treasurer Hutchcraft advised no report.

Zoning/Zoning Board of Appeals- Zoning Officer Kramer reported the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for October 5, 2026, will meet at the Mount Carroll Library at 6 p.m.

County Administrator-County Administrator Jachnicki reported that the roofing project on the Highway Maintenance Garage has been pushed back due to back ordered materials.

He reported the Courthouse will be closed October 12th to observe Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day.

AFFILIATE REPORTS
Blackhawk Hills Regional Council-No report.
Best Employment Skills Team/Workforce-No report.
Community Mental Health Board-No report.
Emergency Telephone System Board-No report.
Health Board-No report.
Hotel/Motel Board-No report.
Jo Daviess/Carroll Co. Joint Action Solid Waste-County Board Member Appel read a statement from Mark Madiak, Coordinator of Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency on the recycling event on Saturday, September 26th.
LRA-No report.
NWILED- No report.

Senior Services Board-No report.
Tri-County Opportunities Council- No report.
United County Council of Illinois-No report.
Upper Mississippi River International Port District-No report.
Veterans Assistance Commission-No report.
Whiteside/Carroll & Jo/Carroll Enterprise Zone-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 advised no report.

Ad Hoc Planning and Development Committee-Chair Bickelhaupt reported the committee will meet on October 7th at 8 a.m. at the Highway Department.

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

Business

1. **Budget Presentations**
   - Dawn Holland presented the budget request for the Health Department-Fund 54.
   - Chief Probation Managing Officer Brown presented budget requests for Fund 11 Department 25, Fund 32 and Fund 83.
   - County Treasurer Hutchcraft presented budget requests for Fund 11 Department 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, and 31. Fund 24, 39, 40, 55 and 69.
   - GIS Director Hughes presented budget request for Fund 11 Department 32 and 36. Fund 44
   - Chair Bickelhaupt and County Administrator presented the budget requests for Fund 11 Department 4.
2. Zoning Officer Kramer explained the Comprehensive Land Use Plan proposals from MSA and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council.
3. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Liquor License for JJ & Freddie's Inc, Class "A"-upon background check clearance. Motion by Flikkema, seconded by Jacobs to approve. All voting aye by voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Jail Phase 2 Improvements with Zickau Construction in the amount of $28,510. Sheriff Kloepping explained. Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Iske to approve. Roll call vote shows Iske, Beyers, Appel, Jacobs, Soldat, Flikkema and Bickelhaupt all voting aye. Motion carried.

5. Chair Bickelhaupt presented for Approval of Resolution to create Standing Planning and Development Committee and Standing Highway Committee. Chair Bickelhaupt explained. Motion by Iske, seconded by Jacobs to approve. All voting aye by voice vote. Motion carried.

Executive Session-None

Chair Report-Chair Bickelhaupt reported that September 30th was the last day to accept resumes for the Circuit Clerk position. They will be conducting interviews and will be submitting a recommendation to the Board at the October 15th meeting.

Chair Bickelhaupt announced that the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics named the Tri-Township Airport located outside of Savanna, Small General Aviation Airport of the Year.

Appointments-None

Motion by Jacobs, seconded by Iske to adjourn at 5:16 p.m. Motion carried.

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