Present: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Also present to observe: Thomas Clapper, Free Press Standard.

IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
9:01 AM
Commissioner Modranski asked that everyone join in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLL CALL / BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE
9:01 AM
Commissioner Leggett: Present; Commissioner Wirkner: Present; Commissioner Modranski: Present

IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS
9:01 AM
April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I certified that the entire recording of the proceedings at the prior meetings are captured completely and accurately in the electronic record and are available at the office.

IN THE MATTER OF
MINUTES
Motion: to approve the summary of the minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, March 23, 2026 and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION(S)
Motion: to approve the following appropriation(s):

FUND	NAME	CODE	AMOUNT
20727	Contractual Services – ARC POWER BROADBAND GRANT – COMMISSIONERS	20727-11001-53300	$10,000.00

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion: to approve bills submitted for payment and to authorize the County Auditor to issue her warrant on the County Treasury for payment of same, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYMENT OF BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION:
REVISED CODE 5705.41
Motion: to approve payment of the following for materials or services purchased without a proper purchase order and certification and the County Auditor is authorized to issue her warrant for payment of same:
COUNTY: Miller, Franchesca, $480.00; Linev Systems US Inc., $2,700.00.
DJFS: Gabriel's Brothers, Inc., $350.00.
Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT – ANEISSA RANDAL
CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
Motion: to reappoint Aneissa Randal to the Carroll County Library Board for the remainder of a four-year term retroactive to March 20, 2026 through December 31, 2029, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:03 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT – ANGELA PAVLIK
CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL
Motion: to appoint Angela Pavlik to the Eastern Ohio Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for a term of two years from March 27, 2026 through March 27, 2028, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:03 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT – CHRISTOPHER R. MODRANSKI
HARCATUS
Motion: to reappoint Christopher R. Modranski to the HARCATUS Board with April D. Mayle as his alternate for a term of two years, from June 24, 2026, through June 30, 2028, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:04 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT- CORINNA GROMLEY
HARCATUS
Motion: to reappoint Corinna Gromley as the public sector representative to the HARCATUS Governing Board for a four- year term, effective June 24, 2026, through June 30, 2030, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:04 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
PROSECUTOR OPINION
Motion: to send the County Commissioners Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement to the Prosecutor for his review for form and function, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:04 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMIT FOR THE USE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY(S)
SAM MOORE
Motion: to approve permits for the use of the following county highway right of way(s) as recommended by the County Engineer:
1. Sam Moore for a driveway in Loudon Township, Branch Road (CR 35),

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:05 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
BID NOTICE
CARROLL COUNTY 2026 RESURFACING PROJECT H-1-2026
Motion: to accept bids up to and opened at 9:00 am on April 20, 2026, in the office of the Carroll County Engineer located at 200 Kensington Rd. NE, Carrollton, Ohio for the Carroll County 2026 Resurfacing Project H-1-2026, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II. Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:05 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
RESOLUTION 2026-17
LAKE MOHAWK SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM
Commissioner Wirkner asked what the resolution pertained to. Commissioner Modranski advised that the resolution is for the wastewater system in Malvern.
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Motion: to adopt resolution 2026-17 authorizing the board president to apply for, accept, and enter into a cooperative agreement for design of the lift station replacement and upgrades project between Carroll County and the Ohio Water Development Authority and declaring an emergency, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.
9:06 AM

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF THE LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES PROJECT BETWEEN CARROLL COUNTY AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "LGA") proposes to design lift station replacement and upgrades within the sewer system; and

WHEREAS the LGA desires to obtain a loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "OWDA") to finance costs of the design of such facilities on the terms set forth in the Cooperative Agreement (defined below); and

WHEREAS, OWDA has indicated its willingness to make a loan for that purpose and on those terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Carroll County Commissioners:

Section 1. That the LGA hereby approves the design of the aforesaid lift station replacement and upgrades in cooperation with the OWDA under the provisions, terms and conditions set forth in the "Cooperative Agreement for State Planning Project" as set forth in Exhibit A (the "Cooperative Agreement") and hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the LGA to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the OWDA substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of said Carroll County for the reason that the immediate design of the sanitary sewer system improvements at the earliest possible time is necessary in order to protect the health of the inhabitants of the service area by eliminating failing wastewater infrastructure; wherefore, this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage.

Mr. Leggett moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;

Mr. Wirkner seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll the vote was recorded as follows:

Mr. Modranski, yes; Mr. Leggett, yes ; Mr. Wirkner, yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 26th day of March, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

ATTEST:

/s/Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, President

/s/April D. Mayle
April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I

/s/Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President

/s/Donald E. Leggett
Donald E. Leggett II, Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF
MWCD
PROJECT UPDATES

9:06 AM

Craig Butler, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Executive Director and Ethan Zucal, MWCD Public Affairs and Safety Manager appeared before the Board to provide MWCD updates. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD met all their budget expectations for 2025 and exceeded them by about two million dollars in revenue across the district. Mr. Butler advised that the annual budget is about $25,500,000. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD receives around $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 annually from gas and oil royalties. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD does not use royalties for operations of the district. Mr. Butler advised that their operation budget comes from a series of revenue, mostly recreation. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD leases land for agriculture and they have a sustainable forestry program. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD is 93 years old this year. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD is

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making a lot of improvements throughout the parks using oil and gas revenue. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD created a private endowment to fund the district, which will allow them to invest their money a little more strategically. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD is building a series of elevated platform houses at Atwood Lake and they will be available to rent next Spring. Commissioner Wirkner asked how many tree houses are being built. Mr. Zucal said they are currently building five tree houses in the first phase. Commissioner Modranski asked how big the tree houses are. Mr. Butler advised that they are 600 to 800 square feet. Mr. Butler advised that they are working on a project at Atwood clearing 18 lots that will be for lease for people to build cottages on. Mr. Butler advised that they are larger lots than the usual cottage lots. They range anywhere from a third of an acre to a little over an acre. Mr. Butler advised that the Peninsula project is still under design. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD is signing an agreement with Atwood Regional Water and Sewer to provide water and sewer for the Pines project and the Peninsula project. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD offers a Country Waves concert in the fall. Mr. Butler advised MWCD has agreed to spend more money this year to acquire better talent and hopefully see higher ticket sales. Mr. Butler advised that Atwood beach is going to get redesigned as well as the snack shop. Mr. Butler advised that the changing house needs to be torn down. Mr. Butler advised that a pickleball court, bocce ball court, and a waterpark with a splash pad are all planned for the beach area on the Carroll County side. Mr. Butler provided some updates regarding board members. Mr. Zucal advised that MWCD is putting in a small launch ramp for canoes and kayaks in Dellroy. Mr. Zucal and Mr. Butler provided a few more updates that are planned for Atwood. Commissioner Modranski asked if MWCD still planned on extending the walking trail at Cemetery Bay all the way to Dellroy. Mr. Butler advised that their design is to have a trail that connects all the way around the lake. Commissioner Modranski asked if there is a plan to do something with the old semi pull off area in Dellroy. Mr. Butler advised that they have been working on turning it into a parking lot. Mr. Butler advised that he has not been there lately, but he will look at it. Commissioner Wirkner asked about the assessments. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD used to charge $12.00 a parcel to cover costs to maintain the dam. The assessment was cut to $6.00 a parcel in 2015 or so. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD cut the cost to $2.00 a parcel, which is the state minimum. Now they use their gas and oil money for dam improvements and shoreline work to defer asking the public for an assessment. Commissioner Wirkner asked if MWCD's core mission is still flood control and water management. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD's mission is flood mitigation, recreation, and conservation. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there are areas in Carroll County that get cut off due to flooding. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD needs to work with the Commissioners to identify those areas. Commissioner Leggett advised that one area of concern is at the Barnhouse allotment. Commissioner Leggett advised that the allotment gets totally shut off when it floods. Commissioner Leggett asked if MWCD has any dredging projects going on. Mr. Butler advised that MWCD does most of the dredging in the winter when the lakes are down. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Carroll County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) encountered some residents that complained about hazardous trees that came down during the storm. The residents advised that they were denied permission to remove these trees prior to the storm. Commissioner Wirkner asked how residents can approach MWCD about trees that have the potential to be hazardous. Mr. Butler advised that he usually has the opposite problem and that residents do not want trees cut down. Mr. Butler advised that those residents just need to call MWCD and they will be happy to work with them.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK'S REPORT

9:47 AM

Eva N. Johnson, Assistant Clerk II appeared before the Board to advise viewers that the Senior Citizen Friendship Center is looking for volunteers to help seniors with spring cleanup in their yards. Volunteers could be community members, students, athletes, churches, groups, etc. Ms. Johnson advised that cleanup would include leaves, sticks, and more. Those interested can call 330-627-7017 to get on a list for cleanup or if they would like to volunteer in April. Ms. Johnson advised that this information and more has been shared to the Commissioners' Facebook page.

IN THE MATTER OF
BWC GRANT

9:48 AM

Commissioner Leggett advised that the maintenance department bought a powered man lift about two years ago using a grant from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). Commissioner Leggett advised that today they were using the lift at the Dorothy Long building to do some ceiling work on a furnace.

IN THE MATTER OF
JFS

9:48 AM

Commissioner Leggett advised that the Job and Family Services (JFS) office is moving the rest of their cubicles to the annex building this weekend. Commissioner Leggett advised that their office will be closed on Monday and reopened on Tuesday in their new location at the annex building.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING
PARKING

9:49 AM

Commissioner Leggett advised that all the parking pads at the annex building have been installed.

IN THE MATTER OF
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

9:49 AM

Commissioner Modranski asked Commissioner Leggett if the window project in the Regional Planning/Economic Development office was completed. Commissioner Leggett advised yes.

IN THE MATTER OF
9-1-1

9:49 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that he was meeting with the 9-1-1 Coordinator and the Sheriff on Friday to discuss the budget regarding the move of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to the annex building.

IN THE MATTER OF
WEATHER

9:49 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that he spoke with Tom Cottis, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director and he has advised that Carroll County is expected to experience some wind gusts of over 54 miles per hour and two inches of rain starting tonight and into Friday morning.

IN THE MATTER OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the compensation of a public employee, **Action:** Upon the call of roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

9:51 AM

The Board reconvened with no action taken at 10:08 AM

Motion: to return from Executive Session, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

10:09 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE RAISES

10:09 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that there are two county employees who completed their six-month probation period and are due for raises. Commissioner Modranski advised that on September 11, 2025, Merle Long was promoted from interim Dog Warden to Dog Warden at a rate of $19.00 per hour, with a $1.00 per hour increase after a six-month probationary period.

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Motion: to approve a $1.00 per hour increase in wages for Merle Long, Dog Warden, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

10:11 AM

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10:11 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Lynda Wickline was hired as the Economic Development/Regional Planning Director on September 18, 2025, at a rate of $23.00 per hour, with a $1.00 per hour increase after a six-month probationary period. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it is easy to assess whether the Dog Warden is doing a good job, and he feels that Warden Long is doing a good job. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it is more difficult to pin down what kind of actual progress is being made by the Economic Development Director. Commissioner Wirkner advised that Clerk Melissa Schaar was underwater dealing with the Regional Planning issues. Commissioner Wirkner asked Commissioner Modranski how that is going. Commissioner Modranski advised that Ms. Schaar has been relieved of most, if not all of the Regional Planning duties. Commissioner Leggett advised that Ms. Wickline has done a good job, and he has seen a lot of work taken off Ms. Schaar's plate with the addressing. Commissioner Leggett advised that Warden Long has done an outstanding job as Dog Warden. Commissioner Leggett advised that Warden Long has been on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for over a year. Commissioner Wirkner advised that in Ms. Wickline's case it is difficult to get up to speed in the Economic Development job. Commissioner Modranski advised that Ms. Wickline has done everything that he has asked her to do. Commissioner Modranski advised that she has attended the education training that she was asked to attend and continues to educate herself. Commissioner Modranski advised that in the Economic Development position it takes a while to see actual progress. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he is willing to give leeway but at some point, he would like to see some progress. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he is satisfied for now.

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Motion: to approve a $1.00 per hour increase in wages for Lynda Wickline, Economic Development/Regional Planning Director, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.
10:14 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN
Motion: to adjourn, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** President Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.
10:14 AM

PREPARED BY:

/s/ April D. Mayle
April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.
/s/ Melissa N. Schaar
Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk
/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, President

/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President

/s/ Donald E. Leggett II
Donald E. Leggett II, Commissioner