

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

 9:00 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 Thursday, March 19, 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.

 9:01 AM

IN THE MATTER OF
EXPENSES

Motion: to approve the following travel and membership expenses:

NAME, TITLE	DEPT.	EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	AMOUNT (not to exceed)
Jennifer Burns, JFS Director	JFS	Head Start Advisory	New Philadelphia, OH	3/25/26	\$50.00

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: North Central Laboratories, \$1,263.00

DJFS: None.

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
REPORT OF COUNTY DOG WARDEN

 9:02 AM

Merle Long, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of March 15, 2026 to March 21, 2026 showing 2 dogs impounded, 1 adopted out, 1 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 0 citation(s) for no license, 4 citation(s) for running at large, and 0 citations for rabies quarantine violation.

IN THE MATTER OF
CCAO ENERGY SERVICE AGREEMENT
DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES EAST, LLC

Commissioner Modranski advised that the amendment is to add the Agricultural Society and the old ODOT building, which is now owned by the county, to the energy consortium.

Motion: to approve the amendment to the Energy Service Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC, **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
DOG WARDEN
AVERY’S LAW

 9:03 AM

Merle Long, Dog Warden appeared before the Board to advise that House Bill 247, also known as Avery’s Law, was signed by the Governor in December and went into effect March 20, 2026. Warden Long advised that Avery’s Law pertains to ORC 955, which defines what constitutes a nuisance, dangerous, or vicious dog. Warden Long advised that the law imposes criminal penalties on dog owners who negligently fail to keep their dogs from committing without provocation, a nuisance, dangerous, or vicious act, including circumstances in which a dog had not previously engaged in such an act. The law increases the penalties and the fines for anyone who is charged. Commissioner Wirkner asked how the new law is going to change the operation of the Dog Pound. Warden Long advised that if a dog attacks or bites someone and the community fears for their safety, he is able to detain the dog and hold it while the court decides the fate of the dog. Avery’s Law requires the destruction of a dog that has killed or caused serious injury to a person after due process. Commissioner Wirkner asked Warden Long if he now has the ability to immediately detain an animal. Warden Long advised yes. Warden Long advised that if he does have to detain dogs, it is going to put a strain on the dog pound. Commissioner Wirkner asked Warden Long if he has discretion to detain or not detain a dog. Warden Long advised that if the community feels they are not safe around the dog, he must seize the dog and house it for the ten-day period while the hearing is being handled by the municipal court. Warden Long advised that he has ten days to file a dangerous dog or a vicious dog designation and the owner can appeal the designation if he feels the dog has been wrongfully accused or wrongfully taken. The owner must provide enough evidence to support the dog’s innocence. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the dog is adjudicated as a vicious animal, can the dog warden seek restitution from the owner. Warden Long advised yes. Commissioner Modranski asked who decides that an animal should be seized that day. Warden Long advised that he would be the person to make that decision.

IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSIT
SFY2027 GRANT AWARD

 9:09 AM

Sonja Trbovich, Transit Director, appeared before the Board to advise that Transit was awarded grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for 2027. Transit will receive operating assistance in the amount of \$378,400.00 for the federal share, which is an increase of \$54,944.00 for 2026. Ms. Trbovich advised that the state share is \$166,042.00, which is a decrease of \$5,135.00 for 2026. Ms. Trbovich advised that the local share is \$212,358.00, which is an increase of \$60,079.00. The total project cost is \$756,800.00. Ms. Trbovich advised that the capitalized maintenance federal share award was \$73,000.00, which is an increase of \$3,518.00 and the local share is \$18,250.00 which is an increase of \$880.00. The total project cost for capital maintenance is \$91,250.00.

IN THE MATTER OF
TOM KONST

 9:11 AM

Thomas Konst, resident, appeared before the Board to ask if a data center has been proposed for Carroll County. Commissioner Modranski advised that a power plant has been proposed by Advanced Power, which is the same company that brought the first power plant to the county. Commissioner Modranski advised that Advanced Power had very brief negotiations with Carroll County and it was determined that it was not in the best interest of the county to supply them with water. Commissioner Modranski advised that they reached out to the Village of Malvern to get water as well as a company called Buckeye Water that is by the Ohio River. Commissioner Modranski advised that they are in negotiations with Buckeye Water to get water for the power plant. Commissioner Modranski advised that the county only has sewer not water and the Malvern water system is a separate entity. Mr. Konst asked if there is anything stopping the Commissioners or Economic Development from signing a non-disclosure agreement (NDA). Commissioner Modranski advised that he has never signed an NDA. Commissioner Wirkner advised that Economic Development is an extension of the Commissioners and they cannot sign an NDA. Commissioner Wirkner advised that in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the Commissioners can enter into Executive Session to hold confidential conversations. Mr. Konst asked if the state

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regulates data centers much like they regulate power generating plants based on energy usage. Commissioner Modranski advised that he cannot speak on the state regulations, that question needs directed to the state. Commissioner Modranski advised that the county does not have any data centers on county property and has no intention of putting one on county property. Commissioner Modranski advised that the county doesn't own enough property for a data center from what he understands. Commissioner Modranski advised that the power plant is heavily regulated by the state and there is probably state regulations for data centers as well. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he really doesn't know how much ground is needed for data centers. Commissioner Modranski advised that he participated in the Farm Bureau's webinar about data centers and there are currently 217 data centers in the state of Ohio. Commissioner Modranski advised that there is currently three or four different proposed bills that the state legislature is considering with the biggest one being a study of the pros and cons at the state level. Commissioner Wirkner advised that property owners can manage their property as they see fit. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if there is an area of the county that residents are concerned about, the township trustees have the ability to take up zoning in the township where that concern is. Mr. Konst advised that he pointed out to people that with heavy reliance on the internet and artificial intelligence, data centers are necessary, but they are not going to go in without the infrastructure to support them.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK'S REPORT

 9:26 AM

Eva N. Johnson, Assistant Clerk II appeared before the Board to remind viewers that the Carroll County General Health District is still looking for volunteers to help with the monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry. The Pop-Up Food Pantry is held on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ located at 353 Moody Ave., Carrollton, Ohio. Ms. Johnson advised those who are interested can scan the QR code on the flyer that has been shared to the Commissioners' Facebook page or use the link that is on the post as well. For any questions, viewers can call 330-627-4866 ext. 155.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING

 9:26 AM

Commissioner Leggett advised that maintenance is putting down the pad for the parking lot at the annex this week. Commissioner Leggett advised that the annex building open house went well.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMA

 9:27 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Emergency Management Agency will be moved to the annex building by the end of the week and should have full operations there by next week.

IN THE MATTER OF
OMEGA MEETING

 9:27 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that he has an Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) meeting tomorrow in New Philadelphia. Commissioner Modranski advised that OMEGA has moved from Cambridge to New Philadelphia and the meeting will include a tour of their new facility.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROUTE 30 PROJECT

 9:28 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that he was asked to provide an update of the route 30 project to the Malvern Rotary and that will take place tonight.

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** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:28 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