



Present: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley
Also present to observe: None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 9:02 AM


Commissioner Wirkner asked that everyone join in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF
 ROLL CALL / BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE**

 9:03 AM

Commissioner Mickley: Present; Commissioner Ohler: Present; Commissioner Wirkner: Present

**IN THE MATTER OF
 RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**


 9:04 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, 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, September 24, 2020 and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:04 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
 PERMITS FOR THE COUNTY HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY
 ROGER J. DENARDI**

Motion: to approve permits for the use of the following county highway right of way(s) as recommended by the County Engineer:

1. Roger J. DeNardi for construction of driveway in Harrison Township, 54 Arrow Road NW;

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:04 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 Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:06 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: Smith Detection, \$3,206.00; Henry Heating & Cooling, \$245.00; Carroll Co. Treasurer, \$1,021.00; Carroll Co. Treasurer, \$7,262.00; CCDJFS, \$2,078.04; Staples, \$157.97; Steiner Glass LLC, \$5,630.01; Grainger, \$233.40; CCCOA, \$1,972.00; Prime Solution Inc., \$472.72 & Carroll Co. Health Dept., \$742.00.


DJFS: None.

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:06 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
LEVY
CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

 9:04 AM

Matt Campbell, Superintendent and Ray Heaston, Business Manager for the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) appeared before the Board to discuss their 3.6 mill levy. Mr. Campbell advised that the CCBDD has been blessed with county support, increased revenue from gas and oil and the Rover pipeline, as well as good stewardship. The CCBDD currently has at least one year of carryover and have passed a resolution to reduce their operating levy from 3.6 mills to 3.1 mills for the 2021 collection. Mr. Campbell advised that this will be the third time that the CCBDD has volunteered to hold the levy back. This was also done in 2011 and 2012. Mr. Heaston advised that the CCBDD has a goal of having a carryover amount equal to or greater than one year's budget. Mr. Heaston advised that the CCBDD has approximately \$6,700,000.00 carryover for 2021 and an estimated budget of \$4,700,000.00 for 2021. The CCBDD plans to review the levy annually to see if there is the potential to reduce it even further. Mr. Campbell advised that the CCBDD has been serving more individuals, upgrading facilities and has worked through the transition of Carroll Hills Industries (CHI) becoming a private, separate entity. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the taxpayers of Carroll County appreciate that the CCBDD is able to serve the needs of their clients more efficiently and at less cost to the taxpayers.

Motion: to accept Resolution 912020 lowering the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities from 3.6 mills to 3.1 mills as presented by Matt Campbell, Superintendent and Ray Heaston, Business Manager; **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:11 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS & RATES
RESOLUTION #2020-37**


Motion: to adopt Resolution No. 2020-37 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, **Action:** Upon the call of the roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:12 AM

NOTE: Full Resolution follows the end of these minutes.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CCAO
ENERGY PROGRAM**

 9:13 AM


Commissioner Ohler advised that a county resident reached out to him over the weekend regarding the proposed solar energy plan. Commissioner Ohler advised that the resident had concerns that the plan may affect the oil and gas industry in Carroll County as well as the Carroll County Energy plant. Commissioner Ohler advised that he read in the newspaper that the Jefferson County Commissioners declined to participate in the solar program because they have two coal-fired plants and they wanted to make sure that those companies did not lose business. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the goal of the solar program is to have some diversification so that the county's energy needs are not completely dependent on one source of energy. Commissioner Wirkner advised that 20% seemed to be a number that would be a hedge to help protect the county in the event that there is a sudden increase in carbon taxes. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there are still issues being discussed with legal counsel regarding the length of the contract. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if it is not the appetite of the Board to pursue the solar option, then that needs to be put out in the open now so that no more resources are expended in pursuing this option. Commissioner Ohler advised that it was not the intention of the Board to hurt the oil and gas trade or the power plant in any way. Commissioner Ohler advised that at this point he is not inclined to move forward. Commissioner Mickley advised that based on the presentations that the Board has seen, it seems that any potential savings the Board may realize are predicated on the potential of a future carbon tax. Commissioner Mickley advised that he does not have an appetite to proceed with the solar program either. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the potential for the increase in carbon taxes is just one consideration. The other consideration is that there would be a fixed rate for the first ten-year period, which would give the Board a hedge against any market changes for energy use. Commissioner Wirkner advised that as the manager of Carroll County, the Board should have redundancy in the energy portion and not depend on one source of power. Commissioner Ohler asked if the Board would be locked out from joining the consortium if it is passed. Commissioner Ohler advised that he does not feel that President Trump is in favor of the carbon tax. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the carbon tax is a concern about how market conditions can change rapidly and even if the carbon tax never materializes, there would still be the guaranteed rate which would allow 20% of the usage to be depended on for budgeting purposes. Commissioner Wirkner advised that more than 50 of the 88 counties have determined that this is a worthwhile direction to go. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the gas and oil industry and the power plant have been good for Carroll County. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if it is the desire of the Board to not pursue the solar plan, then he will cease any further activity in pursuing the program. Commissioner Ohler asked if the next step is further discussion with Prosecutor Barnett. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he would work with legal counsel at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and the Prosecutor

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to see if the legal concerns raised by the Prosecutor can be addressed. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he does not want to have people continue to work on this, if the Board is not inclined to move forward on the solar project. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Prosecutor's biggest concern revolves around Ohio Revised Code 307.04 and the potential to have an agreement in excess of ten years, which is not allowed. Commissioner Wirkner advised that one of the things that the CCAO is working on is language that makes a renewal totally at the discretion of the next Board of Commissioners so that they are not stuck with an agreement made by this Board. Commissioner Ohler asked the Board to give this program some more thought and he advised that he will let the Board know his final decision at Thursday's meeting. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he will reach out to CCAO and the Prosecutor and see if Prosecutor Barnett's concerns can be mitigated, to help with the decision-making process on Thursday.

**IN THE MATTER OF
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

 9:26 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised that at the recent Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) Board of Directors meeting, William C. Shivers, Regional President of the Canton/Mahoning Valley Region for Huntington National Bank volunteered to work with local business leaders on the voluntary assessment portion of the RTIP project for revenue generation. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the RTIP currently has \$20,000,000.00 of which \$18,000,000.00 is from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant and part of the voluntary assessment is to develop monies to secure that grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING**

 9:29 AM


Christopher R. Modranski, Economic Development Director appeared before the Board to give an update on American Axle & Manufacturing (AAM), formerly known as Colfor. Mr. Modranski advised that a devastating fire broke out in the Malvern plant on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Mr. Modranski advised that he and some regional partners have been in contact with leadership at AAM. Mr. Modranski advised that there are still some employees working on the West side of the building in the shipping department. The East side of the building, which includes the offices, did not receive much damage at all. AAM plans to work on reopening the West and East sides of the factory and then begin work on rebuilding the center. Mr. Modranski advised that if you drive by, you can through the garage doors and see where the roof collapsed in the center. Mr. Modranski advised that they are working with AAM to get equipment brought in and secure permits for oversized equipment to be hauled in. Mr. Modranski advised that he has reached out to the state through JobsOhio to set up a phone conference with AAM leadership. Mr. Modranski advised that they have been working with AAM since the day of the fire, and Jobs and Family Services is working with the employees. Mr. Modranski advised that when he visited the Malvern facility in late 2019, there were approximately 300 employees in the factory and office. Mr. Modranski advised that he spoke to operations manager on the phone this morning who advised that they are still assessing their needs. They are still shipping out the parts that were completed, but production is halted at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
GRIFFETH & SON/THE ROCK SHOP**

 9:33 AM


Christopher R. Modranski, Economic Development Director advised that 20 cars of limestone were delivered on Monday to Griffeth & Son Trucking in their new location at the former Heritage Plastics plant. The stone was unloaded on to their new conveyor belt system, which was a \$1,200,000.00 investment into their business. Mr. Modranski advised everything went smoothly, a few minor hiccups that had to be fixed with the conveyor system which made it too late for the train to get reloaded at the quarry. Mr. Modranski advised that Griffeth received a delivery of 30 cars of stone on Friday and another 30 cars on Saturday. Mr. Modranski advised that the unloading of those loads went much smoother and quicker. Mr. Modranski advised that the stone will keep coming until it freezes. In addition, Mr. Modranski advised that Noramco has also received a delivery of ten cars of their supplies, thanks to the railroad being revitalized in Carroll County. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) invested a \$50,000.00 grant to Griffeth & Son Trucking for a public intermodal so that anyone is able to take advantage of rail delivery. Mr. Modranski advised that anyone wanting to use rail delivery needs to work with Griffeth & Son to coordinate unloading of their freight unto their truck, and Griffeth & Son can even handle trucking services for businesses, if needed.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERKS REPORT**

 9:37 AM

Christopher R. Modranski, Clerk appeared before the Board and advised the Bureau of Workers Comp (BWC) has approved a \$1,500,000.00 dividend for Ohio employers, public and private, to ease the COVID-19 financial impact. Checks up to \$200,000.00 will be sent out to employers in late October. The dividend will be applied to unpaid balances first, and the remainder will be mailed to the business. Mr. Modranski advised that the county received their first dividend around April. Commissioner Ohler advised that he believes the April payment was \$148,000.00 but would like Mr. Modranski to verify that amount with the Auditor's office. Mr. Modranski advised that he will reach out to our third-party administrator to see if they know how much how our dividend might be.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERKS REPORT**


 9:40 AM

Christopher R. Modranski, Clerk advised that the General Assembly approved the final CARES Act distribution to local governments. The bill is known as the Senate Amendment to House Bill 614 and is waiting for signature by Governor DeWine. Mr. Modranski advised that if the bill is approved, it will provide another \$969,000.00 to Carroll County for COVID-19 relief funds. Each of our townships and municipalities are eligible for additional funds under this bill, as well. Commissioner Wirkner advised that during conversation with Congressman Bill Johnson, he let Congressman Johnson know that there needed to be more flexibility on how the Coronavirus Relief Funds can be used. Mr. Modranski advised that there have been some changes and it appears that the funds can be used for salaries for public safety entities. Mr. Modranski advised that they will be having a meeting with the Auditor later today to discuss how to use of the additional funds. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he told Congressman Johnson that in order for the funds to really help local governments, they should be able to apply money towards the general fund.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN**

Motion: to adjourn, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Lewis A. Mickley.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:42 AM

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Melissa N. Schaar
Melissa N. Schaar, Assistant Clerk I

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, Clerk
/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President
/s/ Jeffrey L. Ohler
Jeffrey L. Ohler, Vice President
/s/ Lewis A. Mickley
Lewis A. Mickley, Commissioner