



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**

 9:00 AM


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

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

 9:00 AM

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**


 9:01 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 Monday, December 28, 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.


 9:01 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
MARCS RADIO GRANTS**

 9:02 AM


Shane Thomas, President of the Fire Chiefs Association appeared before the Board to announce that all nine fire departments in Carroll County were awarded Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems (MARCS) grants totaling \$408,452.52 to upgrade to the MARCS radio system. The MARCS radio system allows first responders to seamlessly communicate with all agencies responding to an incident, including neighboring fire departments, law enforcement and the Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Thomas advised that all the county fire departments were in agreement that the MARCS radios were needed and came together to apply for the grant as a group. Mr. Thomas advised that the grant will allow the Carrollton Village Fire Department to purchase one handheld radio and one mobile/truck radio. Mr. Thomas advised that the grant also pays for two years of user fees, which are \$19.00 per month, per device. Mr. Thomas advised that one of the items that needs to happen is a discussion with MARCS about upgrading the tower or getting a new tower location. Mr. Thomas advised that the agencies will be looking to the Board of Commissioners to see if there is room in the 2021 budget to help with this project. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he will have discussions with Mr. Thomas and his associates about the tower situation and their needs for the project and how the Board can help with those needs. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the infrastructure needs of Carroll County have been underserved for years in a variety of areas, and communications is one of those areas. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the MARCS radios grant is a step in the right direction to getting some of those communication needs served.

**IN THE MATTER OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
MARCS RADIO GRANTS**

 9:09 AM

Commissioner Wirkner congratulated Tom Cottis, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director on his birthday today. Mr. Cottis congratulated the fire departments on their grant awards. Mr. Cottis advised that they have been working towards the MARCS project for a long time. In 2007, the county received a public-safety answering point (PSAP) grant for \$971,000.00 that made it possible to get law enforcement in Carroll County on the MARCS radio system. Mr. Cottis advised that law enforcement has used the system for several years and their radios have been upgraded. Mr. Cottis advised that with the fire departments coming on to the system and most of the emergency medical services in the county using the system, there will be interoperable communications on one device. Mr. Cottis advised that this a step in the right direction. Mr. Cottis advised that a tower upgrade or a new tower location will have to be looked at, but once the initial investment is made, the State will take the project over and do the updates and maintenance. Commissioner Wirkner asked Mr. Cottis to reach out to him after the new year to discuss the Route 9 tower.

**IN THE MATTER OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
WEATHER UPDATE**

 9:11 AM


Tom Cottis, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director appeared before the Board to discuss the weather event moving

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towards our area. Mr. Cottis advised that on New Years Day there will be light rain in the morning and after 11:00 a.m. we could see heavier bands of rain move through the county with 1/2" to 3/4" of rain and possibly up to 1" in some areas. Mr. Cottis advised that creeks have elevated from the snow melt off from Christmas, but there is still room for runoff. Mr. Cottis advised that there will be some low-lying ponding areas. Mr. Cottis advised that the temperatures are expected to reach near 50° on New Years Day and the next day. Mr. Cottis advised that it will be muddy.

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19

 9:13 AM

Tom Cottis, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director appeared before the Board to thank the commissioners for the work that they have done the past year. Mr. Cottis advised that the Board stepped right up at the beginning of the pandemic with the budget and made smart moves that have helped keep the county whole. Mr. Cottis advised that his office has been able to build a surplus of personal protective equipment (PPE) at the Health Department and at the EMA office. Mr. Cottis thanked the Health Department for their leadership during the pandemic. Mr. Cottis advised that things are not going to get any easier at least during the first few months of 2021, but they will continue to work to move the county in the right direction.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 UPDATE

 9:14 AM

Kelly Engelhart, Director of Nursing and Population Health appeared before the Board to give the weekly COVID-19 update. Ms. Engelhart advised that there are 1,164 confirmed or probable cases. There are currently 324 active cases, which is 27.8% of the total cases. Ms. Engelhart advised that the increase in cases has kept Carroll County in the red on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System map. Ms. Engelhart advised that most of Ohio is red at this time. Ms. Engelhart advised that there was a new death last week, which brings the total number of deaths to 15. Ms. Engelhart advised that there has been an increase in hospitalizations of active cases in Carroll County and across the state. Ms. Engelhart advised that she was on a call with the Ohio Department of Health yesterday and one of the discussions on the call was mass fatality management and how that will be handled if death rates continue to increase. Ms. Engelhart advised that Carroll County does not have a hospital and usually hospitals are the places with a morgue to help manage the deaths. The State of Ohio is working on a regional plan to handle mass fatalities and Carroll County will work with Stark County to get a portable morgue, if needed. Ms. Engelhart advised that the Health Department has received 200 doses of vaccine which are allocated and prioritized by the State of Ohio. In Phase 1a, healthcare workers, EMS responders, and residents and staff at congregate living facilities including nursing homes, group homes for the developmentally disabled and our county jail. The Governor has worked with the Ohio Department of Health to prioritize the rollout for the next phase. Ms. Engelhart advised they are hoping to transition to Phase 1b in mid-January but it depends on how well everyone across the State of Ohio does completing their Phase 1a vaccinations and how the supply of vaccine holds up. Ms. Engelhart advised that Phase 1b in Ohio will be done differently than the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has put out. The CDC did a blanket statement that called for essential workers, residents over age 65 and people with health conditions. Ohio has prioritized Phase 1b to be anyone over age 65, those with congenital or newly diagnosed illnesses that have a poor outcome if they would contract COVID-19 and anyone who works at a school. Ms. Engelhart advised that the Governor's goal is to vaccinate the people with potential poor outcomes and get students back to school face-to-face. Ms. Engelhart advised that next week, the Health Department will be going to out to all of the long-term care facilities and group homes that have not signed up with the national program and vaccinating staff and residents on-site. Ms. Engelhart advised that planning has begun to work with the schools to vaccinate on-site and for the vaccination of residents age 65 or older. Ms. Engelhart advised that one of the challenges with the vaccine is that because it does not have preservatives, it cannot be re-frozen or re-refrigerated once the vial has been opened, so care must be taken to schedule vaccinations accordingly. Ms. Engelhart advised that the Health Department has administered approximately 60 of their 200 vaccines so far, and are hoping for another shipment of vaccines next week. Ms. Engelhart advised that vaccination is what is going to change the course of this pandemic. Ms. Engelhart advised that measures that were put in place prior to the vaccine have not been able to stop the spread, primarily due to the individual behaviors of people. Ms. Engelhart advised that she understands that people are leery of the vaccine but it is a really good vaccine as far as how it was manufactured and the efficacy of the vaccine. The vaccine is 95% effective after two doses of the vaccine. Ms. Engelhart urged everyone to get their vaccination when their group is available so that we can see a change in this pandemic. Ms. Engelhart advised that the Health Department will be sharing information on their Facebook page and their website and encouraged people to share the information. Ms. Engelhart advised that they will need vaccination levels to be at approximately 80% to have enough herd immunity so that the virus will stop spreading. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the rate is still at 25-30 cases per day in the county and Ms. Engelhart advised that has been the rate since the middle of November.


IN THE MATTER OF APPROPRIATION(S)

Motion: to approve the following appropriation(s):

FUND	NAME	CODE	AMOUNT
Workforce Development	Special One Stop	0326-W000-W05.000	(\$9,103.04)
Co. General	Park District	0009-A015-A15.000	\$4,256.70
Co. General	Employee Medical Insurance	0260-A014-A06.100	\$47,476.32

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.

 9:23 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT(S)**

Motion: to approve the following appropriation amendment(s):

FUND	FROM		TO		AMOUNT
	NAME	CODE	NAME	CODE	
Co. General	Supplies	0200-A006-A3.030	Contract Services	0200-A006-A6.000	\$41.40
Co. General	Supplies	0200-A006-A03.030	Contract Services	0200-A006-A06.000	\$2,800.00

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.

 9:24 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
YEAR END ADVANCES**

Motion: to authorize the following year end advances:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
County General (A000)	2020 Corona Emer Juv Ct (T095)	\$6,575.40
County General (A000)	CDBG Amsterdam (T119)	\$4,250.00
County General (A000)	Ct Based BHL (T139)	\$4,068.79
County General (A000)	VOCA (T178)	\$16,451.83
County General (A000)	Water Pollution (T201)	\$33,921.50
County General (A000)	Transit CARES (T288)	\$38,715.42
County General (A000)	CEBCO (S024)	\$2,285.15

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:25 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
APIARY INSPECTOR
APPOINTMENT**

Motion: to appoint John Cooper as the part-time Apiary Inspector for the 2021 season at the pay rate of \$8.81 per hour, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E Wirkner and Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler; NEY: None; ABSENT: Vice President Lewis A Mickley; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler, **Seconded by** President Robert E Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:26 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
APIARY INSPECTION SUMMARY-2019
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**


 9:27 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Ohio Department of Agriculture has filed its Registered Apiary Inspection Summary for 2020. Commissioner Wirkner advised there were 56 apiaries in the county, none of which were able to be inspected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A copy is on file in the Commissioners' office.


**IN THE MATTER OF
GRANT AGREEMENT
2021 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT**

Motion: to approve the 2021 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement with the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) for wellness in the total amount of \$12,430.00 effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, **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.

 9:28 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK'S REPORT**


 9:02 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Assistant Clerk I appeared before the Board to advise that Governor DeWine extended the 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew until January 23, 2021. Also, Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 310 into law on December 30, 2020 which will allow the State Controlling Board to extend the deadline for usage of the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and return of the unspent funds. Previously, the CRF monies had to be spent by December 30, 2020 and the unspent funds had to be returned by February 1, 2021 but now both deadlines have been extended until December 21, 2021. Ms. Schaar advised that this extension will be very helpful for Carroll County as there are several projects that are getting ready to start.

**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.

 9:30 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: Stephen Campbell & Assoc, \$2,800.00 & Morgan Co. Comm., \$13,107.00.


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.


 9:31 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
COMMISSIONER MICKLEY**

 9:31 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised that this is the last meeting with Commissioner Mickley and wished him luck on his upcoming endeavors. Commissioner Mickley thanked the Board and the residents of Carroll County and advised that he appreciates the opportunity to serve for the last four years.

**IN THE MATTER OF
2021 BUDGET**

 9:31 AM

Commissioner Ohler advised that he continues to work with the Auditor's office on the 2021 budget and he anticipates having the final budget for the Board to review on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MEETING**


 9:33 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that this is the last meeting of the year and wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked them to stay safe.

**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.

 9:33 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

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