



Present: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.
Also present to observe: Carol McIntire, Carroll County Messenger.

**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**

 9:01 AM

Commissioner Modranski: Present; Commissioner Ohler: Present; Commissioner Wirkner: Present


**IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**

 9:01 AM


Ronald M. Nuzzolillo, Jr., 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, May 17, 2021 and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:01 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24
MODIFYING COURTHOUSE OPERATIONS**

 9:02 AM

Commissioner Wirkner read the resolution.

Motion: to approve Resolution No. 2021-24 modifying operations at the Carroll County Courthouse, **Action:** Upon the call of the roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:04 AM

RESOLUTION #2021-24
A RESOLUTION MODIFYING OPERATIONS THE CARROLL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County adopted Resolution 2021-19 Modifying Courthouse Operations and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Stephanie McCloud, Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued the Director’s Second Amended Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings and Non-Congregating; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, the Carroll County Court of Common Pleas, the Carroll County Municipal Court, and the Probate and Juvenile Division Court of Common Pleas, issued an order Modifying Courthouse Operations;

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

Section 1: All fully vaccinated employees and visitors entering the Courthouse (fully vaccinated refers to a person who is two or more weeks following the second dose in a two-dose series, or two or more weeks following receipt of a single-dose vaccine, per the CDC Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons) are no longer required to wear a mask.

Section 2: All individuals that are not fully vaccinated shall wear facial coverings at all times until June 2, 2021, as directed by the Ohio Department of Health.

Section 3: After June 2, 2021, any individual shall have the discretion to continue to wear a mask.

Section 4: The hand washing and sanitation stations will continue to be available throughout the courthouse.

Section 5: All individuals entering the Courthouse shall be subject to a non-invasive scan for elevated body temperature. Any individual, including employees, with an elevated temperature shall be denied access to the Courthouse.

Section 6: Access shall be temporarily refused by security staff to any visibly-ill person.

Section 7: Courts: The presiding Judge will determine the number of participants and public access to hearings in each courtroom that is in use.

Section 8: Courthouse Offices: Elected Officials or Department Leaders shall have the discretion of establishing any guidelines for their office.

Section 9: This order will be effective retroactively to Tuesday May 18, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board which resulted in this formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.

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Mr. Ohler moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;
Mr. Modranski seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ohler, Yes; Mr. Modranski, Yes; Mr. Wirkner, Yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 20th day of May, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY

ATTEST:

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


/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President
/s/ Jeffrey L. Ohler
Jeffrey L. Ohler, Vice President
/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, Commissioner

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

Motion: to approve the following appropriation(s):


<u>FUND</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A000	Equipment	0001-A001-A04.040	\$12,995.00
Co. General	Atty Fees – Comms	0001-A001-A05.000	\$10,000.00

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:05 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 Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski. 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: Huntington National Bank, \$533.66; Workman Industrial Services, \$57,185.04; Kimble, \$3,410.32; Total ID, \$159.00 & Standard Plumbing & Heating, \$3,443.85.

DJFS: Northeast Ohio Adoption Services, \$2,445.00; Stark Co. Treasurer, \$12,412.80; Ohio Mentor, \$10,185.90; Lisa Smiley, \$377.44; Safely Home, \$16,160.12; Journey Home, \$9,000.00 & Julie Halfhill, \$3,118.09.

Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski. Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:07 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE CLOSED**

 9:07 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised the Courthouse will be closed on Friday June 4, 2021 due to utility maintenance as part of the jail repair project. The Maintenance staff will be working that day to complete cleaning and maintenance projects that are best completed while the courthouse is closed.

**IN THE MATTER OF
LETTER OF SUPPORT - MWCD
ATWOOD AREA 3 BASKETBALL COURT**


 9:08 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that Ethan Zucal, Engagement and Outreach Coordinator for Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) contacted our office to advise that the MWCD is applying for ODNR's NatureWorks grant which would allow them to install a new basketball court at Atwood Lake Park. The project would include a new concrete pad, new hoops, line painting on the court, and new fencing. Mr. Zucal has asked for a letter of support from the Board which will be submitted as part of the grant application.

Motion: to approve a letter of support for the proposed Atwood Area 3 Basketball Court project requested by Ethan Zucal, Engagement and Outreach Coordinator for Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:09 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

 9:09 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that he feels a committee needs to be formed for the American Rescue Plan funds. Commissioner Wirkner suggested that the committee be called the American Rescue Plan Advisory (ARPA) committee and should consist of an elected official that is not a commissioner, a representative from Ohio Means Jobs, a representative from the commissioners' office and a citizen representative. Commissioner Ohler asked if guidance on use of the funds has been received. Commissioner Modranski advised that the US Treasury has sent out guidance but as the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) committee learned, the guidance is constantly amended so the ARPA committee will need to stay on top of the changes. Commissioner Modranski advised that he felt the CRF committee worked well.


Motion: to authorize the formation of the American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee to the Board of Commissioners, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:12 AM

Commissioner Wirkner asked Ronald M. Nuzzolillo, Jr., Director of Special Projects if he would serve as the representative for the Commissioners' office. Mr. Nuzzolillo accepted the appointment. Commissioner Modranski suggested Auditor Lynn Fairclough as the elected official for the committee. Commissioner Wirkner suggested Kate Offenberger, Job and Family Services Director as the OMJ representative. Commissioner Modranski will contact Ms. Fairclough and Ms. Offenberger to discuss serving on the committee. Commissioner Wirkner and Commissioner Modranski advised that they each had suggestions for a citizen representative. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he and Commissioner Ohler will email their suggestions to Commissioner Modranski and asked Commissioner Modranski to email his suggestions to Commissioner Ohler and himself to see if there is any overlap.

**IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
COVID-19 UPDATE**


 9:15 AM

Kelly Engelhart, Director of Nursing and Population Health appeared before the Board to provide the weekly COVID-19 update. Ms. Engelhart advised that there have been 2,043 confirmed cases to date; 1,994 cases have recovered; 42 deaths; 49 active cases; and zero outbreaks for the second month in a row. Ms. Engelhart advised that Carroll County had 545 cases in January and there are currently only 20 cases for the month of May. These numbers are consistent with the rest of Ohio. Ms. Engelhart advised that Carroll County's hospitalization rate is averaging at 5%. Ms. Engelhart advised that the Health Department has received 10,400 doses of vaccine, and has vaccinated 9,368 people. The Health Department currently has the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available, and Ms. Engelhart has ordered the Pfizer vaccine for the 12+ population. Ms. Engelhart advised that there has been an increase in demand for vaccines; there are 30 appointments scheduled at each Health Department clinic this week. Ms. Engelhart advised that her office has been able to calculate the vaccine return rate at 98.3%. Ms. Engelhart advised that 9,368 vaccines have been administered. 315 of those vaccines were Johnson & Johnson which does not require a second dose, so there were 9,053 vaccines that required a second dose. Of those, only 143 people did not return for the second dose. Ms. Engelhart advised that the 251 residents who are still due for their second dose are not included in this return rate. Ms. Engelhart advised that 30% of the county is now fully vaccinated. The last mass vaccination clinic will be held today at Damascus Friends Church in Malvern. This is a second dose clinic. Ms. Engelhart advised that her office is working to schedule more vaccination clinics at the Health Department, local businesses, organizations and churches. Ms. Engelhart advised that all three vaccines will be available at the June 12, 2021 clinic. Residents can register online or call the Health Department to register for this clinic. Ms. Engelhart advised that the change in the mask order from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) prompted an order from the Ohio Director of Health allowing fully vaccinated people to not wear a mask. However, all health orders are not rescinded until June 2, 2021. Ms. Engelhart advised that orders for schools will stay in place until the end of the school year. Commissioner Wirkner asked how Carroll County's 30% vaccination rate compares to the State of Ohio. Ms. Engelhart advised that the state is currently at 41%, however Carroll County is line with the surrounding counties. Ms. Engelhart advised that the data indicates that Delaware County has the highest vaccination rate at 50%.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PY2021 CHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM**

Motion: to authorize the Board President to sign the Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for the program year 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:22 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
PERMIT FOR THE USE OF COUNTY HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY(S)**

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

- 1. Gary Putnam for a driveway in Union Township, at 5150 Alamo Road (CR 8);

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:23 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
BID ACCEPTANCE - 2021 CAR CR 19 7.61 AUTUMN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT**

Motion: to accept the bid from Superior Paving & Materials, Inc. of North Canton, Ohio in the amount of \$780,224.00 for the 2021 Resurfacing Project H-2-2021, as recommended by Brian J. Wise, Carroll County Engineer, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:24 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
INCREASING DOG AND KENNEL REGISTRATION FEES
RESOLUTION 2021-23**

 9:25 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that due to the pandemic and the Governor’s order extending the validity of the 2020 dog license until July 2, 2021, the revenue to the Dog Pound has decreased. To date, there has only been 7,839 dog licenses sold for 2021 compared to just over 9,300 sold in 2019. Also, the Dog Warden and his staff have not been able to go out and do license checks due to safety mandates. Commissioner Modranski advised that the revenue is down \$20,000.00 for the year but the expenses have not gone down. Commissioner Modranski advised that in order to recoup some of the lost revenue, the Dog Warden has suggested raising the license fees \$2.00, from \$14.00 to \$16.00. Commissioner Modranski advised that based on the pre-pandemic numbers, the increase should generate approximately \$18,000.00 in revenue. Commissioner Wirkner read the Resolution. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it is helpful to purchase a three year or permanent registration. Commissioner Ohler advised that it appears the licenses are down 12% from previous years. Commissioner Ohler advised that possibly there could be more purchase activity between now and the July 2, 2021 deadline. Commissioner Modranski advised that normally the Dog Warden and his staff would begin license checks right after January 31, and it typically takes them most of the year to complete. Commissioner Modranski advised that there likely will not be enough time to complete the checks this year. Commissioner Ohler asked if there was another option to notify people. Commissioner Modranski advised that he will look into a call bank and utilizing help from Job and Family Services to start making calls after July 31, 2021. Commissioner Ohler suggested a post card. Commissioner Ohler advised that it is very time consuming to make trips to everyone’s home to check on their license.

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2021-23 Increasing Dog and Kennel Registration Fees for Carroll County, **Action:** Upon the call of the roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:33 AM

**RESOLUTION 2021-23
INCREASING DOG AND KENNEL REGISTRATION FEES
FOR CARROLL COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio desires an increase in the current dog and kennel registration fees to offset the costs of the Carroll County Dog Pound providing the services required under Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code; and **WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code §955.14 governs an increase of this nature and states a board of county commissioners by resolution may increase dog and kennel registration fees not earlier than the first day of February and not later than the thirty-first day of August of any year and shall specify the registration period or periods to which the increased fees apply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio that the new fees for dog and kennel registration fees shall be:

Registration period	Fee
One-year registration	\$16.00
Three-year registration	\$48.00
Permanent registration	\$160.00
Kennel Fee	\$80.00

The fees referenced above shall be effective for the registration period commencing December 1, 2021 and ending January 31, 2022 and for all years thereafter or until a new Resolution is passed.

RESOLVED FURTHER that this Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio hereby finds and determines all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board which resulted in this formal action were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including ORC 121.22.

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Mr. Ohler moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;
Mr. Modranski seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Modranski, Yes; Mr. Wirkner, Yes; Mr. Ohler, Yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 20th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO


/s/ Melissa N. Schaar
Melissa Schaar, Clerk

/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President
/s/ Jeffrey L. Ohler
Jeffrey L. Ohler, Vice President
/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, Commissioner


**IN THE MATTER OF
PROSECUTOR OPINION**

Motion: to send letter to the Prosecutor asking him to review documents related to a detachment of lands from the Village of Leesville, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:34 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
9-1-1 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

 9:34 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised that the 9-1-1 Technical Services Advisory Committee made a recommendation to the 9-1-1 Planning Committee to allow the 9-1-1 Coordinator, who is also the Treasurer, to spend up to \$500.00 between meetings on emergency needs within the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) without prior approval. Commissioner Wirkner advised that this has been approved by the 9-1-1 committees and is now before the Board for final approval. Commissioner Modranski asked for an example of an emergency purchase. Commissioner Wirkner advised that in the past, the letters wore off of the keyboard and new covers were needed. Commissioner Wirkner gave permission to the 9-1-1 Coordinator to purchase the items and then the purchase was approved nunc pro tunc at the next meeting.

Motion: to grant the 9-1-1 Technical Committee Treasurer the authority to purchase needed items up to a cost of \$500.00 without prior approval; **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:35 AM

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

 9:37 AM


Ronald Nuzzolillo Jr, Assistant Clerk I advised that County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) has announced that it will resume in-person live trainings effective June 3, 2021. These trainings include the Human Resource Training which is for all Elected Officials and Department Leaders and the Defensive Driving Course, which includes anyone that drives for the county. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that he will contact the Friendship Center to see if their facility would be available for these training.

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

 9:38 AM


Ronald Nuzzolillo Jr, Assistant Clerk I advised that there are many items for sale through the GovDeals website. There are multiple vehicles, diagnostic systems, a laptop and even a dishwasher. Anyone interested in bidding on any of these items can do so by clicking on the GovDeals link on the county's Public Notice webpage.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MEETINGS**

 9:39 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised that he will be attending a Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) meeting virtually at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETINGS

 9:39 AM

Commissioner Ohler advised that the Auditor's office has sent over 2022 preliminary budget request forms. Commissioner Ohler asked that everyone review the budget and pencil in their preliminary requests so they can be reviewed before being sent over to the Auditor.


IN THE MATTER OF MEETINGS

 9:40 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that he and Ronald Nuzzolillo, Jr., Director of Special Projects have a virtual meeting with Chris Thomas at Spectrum at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Modranski advised that the meeting is to learn more about Spectrum's rollout plan for broadband expansion. Commissioner Modranski advised that he has a virtual conference with County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) as part of his continuing education program. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he had a question from a citizen regarding details of the broadband infrastructure referral and he referred him to Commissioner Modranski.


IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY RECESS

Motion: to temporarily recess, **Action** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

 9:41 AM

Board members reconvened at  9:49 AM

IN THE MATTER OF SECRETARY OF STATE


 9:49 AM

Alex Pavloff, Eastern Ohio Regional Liaison for Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose appeared before the Board to provide some updates from the Secretary of State's office. Mr. Pavloff advised that his region includes 16 counties stretching from Summit County to Washington County, and includes Carroll County. The Secretary of State's office has two main functions, which are elections operations, and they function as the front door for businesses in Ohio including Limited Liability Company and Corporation filings for people who are starting businesses. Mr. Pavloff advised that he wanted to share with the Board the tremendous success story that is the Carroll County Board of Elections (BOE). Mr. Pavloff advised that since Secretary LaRose took office, there have been three new staff members, two new board members on the four-member board, and two of the most difficult elections in Ohio's history. Mr. Pavloff advised that not only did the BOE perform admirably, but they performed superbly and should be commended for that. Mr. Pavloff advised that elections are done at a county level in Ohio; some states do elections at a state level. The Secretary of State helps administer those elections. Mr. Pavloff advised that Secretary LaRose's philosophy of administration is to empower the counties. Mr. Pavloff advised that any funding the Secretary of State receives is pushed out to the counties as soon as possible. Mr. Pavloff advised that Carroll County received \$85,000.00 last year and part of these funds were used to construct the new entrance ramp which is now Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Mr. Pavloff advised that the funds for the ramp came from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); other appropriations were made through the CARES Act and miscellaneous state funding. Mr. Pavloff advised that all 88 counties will hold an election in November, which will hopefully be different than last November. Mr. Pavloff advised Ohio had the highest turn out in the history of the state, and more people voted absentee than ever before, as well. There was a lower rate of absentee ballot rejections than any past year. Mr. Pavloff advised there is a special election coming up, however Carroll County does not have any specials this year. Mr. Pavloff advised that the Secretary of State's office is seeking some changes legislatively in how elections are conducted. First, the Secretary of State's office would like to modernize Ohio voter law. Currently, under the Motor Voter law, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is required to offer voter registration forms along with the other forms. Mr. Pavloff advised that most BMVs are very good about turning the forms in, however, some just throw them in a box under the desk. Mr. Pavloff advised that his office would like to see automated voter registrations which would allow BMV employees to ask questions and the information would transmit electronically to the BMV. Mr. Pavloff advised that his office wants to maintain the traditional absentee ballot request, but wants to add the ability to request absentee ballots online. Mr. Pavloff advised that this could create some minor cost savings for the counties. The last legislative proposal that his office is legislating for is reciprocity in Ohio's minority business certifications between the state and local political subdivisions. Mr. Pavloff advised that there is bipartisan support for this bill and he believes the bill is about to be passed out of the Senate. Mr. Pavloff advised that Carroll County's BOE is the success story that he holds up for other BOE's in his region.

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 Christopher R. Modranski; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, **Seconded by** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 10:01 AM

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Melissa N. Schaar

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

/s/ Melissa N. Schaar

Melissa N. Schaar, 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/ Christopher R. Modranski

Christopher R. Modranski, Commissioner