



Present: President Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski.
Also present to observe: Nancy Schaar, Free Press Standard.

**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 Thursday, August 19, 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** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:02 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
PROCLAMATION
DOLLY EASTERDAY**

 9:02 AM

Commissioner Wirkner read the proclamation.

Motion: to adopt a Proclamation recognizing Dolly Easterday for her dedication and commitment to Carroll County and congratulating her on the occasion of her retirement, **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.


 9:03 AM

Judge Michael V. Repella II, Carroll County Court of Common Pleas stated that Ms. Easterday has worked with three different judges which says something as new judges typically replace the court staff. This did not happen with Ms. Easterday. Judge Repella stated that Ms. Easterday is the type of person you don't want to lose. Judge Repella congratulated Ms. Easterday and thanked her for her service. Commissioner Wirkner congratulated Ms. Easterday on her retirement and stated that she has earned it. Commissioner Modranski thanked Ms. Easterday for her service to the county. Commissioner Ohler congratulated Ms. Easterday.


**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** Commissioner Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:06 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
REPORT OF COUNTY DOG WARDEN**

 9:07 AM

Cason Leggett, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of August 15, 2021 to August 21, 2021 showing 1 dog impounded, 3 adopted out, 0 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 1 citation(s) for no license, and 0 citation(s) for running at large.


**IN THE MATTER OF
DOG POUND
DEPUTY WARDEN POSITION**

 9:07 AM


Cason Leggett, Dog Warden appeared before the Board to discuss the Deputy Warden position. Warden Leggett advised that he and Commissioner Modranski interviewed three applicants for the position. Warden Leggett recommended to hire William E. Melville at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with a six-month probation period. Commissioner Modranski asked if Mr. Melville will start today. Warden Leggett answered yes. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the rate of pay will be revisited at the end of the probation period. Warden Leggett answered yes.

Motion: to hire William E. Melville as the Assistant Dog Warden at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with a six-month probation period, **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.

 9:08 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
MAINTENANCE
CUSTODIAL TECHNICIAN POSITION**

 9:09 AM


Edward Eick, Maintenance Supervisor appeared before the Board to discuss the Custodial Technician position. Mr. Eick advised that the Board approved to hire Kenneth Campbell for the Custodial Technician I position, but Mr. Campbell declined the offer. Mr. Eick advised that he reconsidered the position and reviewed the remaining applicants. Mr. Eick advised that he would like to hire a Custodial Technician II position, which will have more responsibilities, at a rate of \$13 per hour with a six-month probation period. This will be a full-time position with the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mr. Eick recommended to hire Travis Sikon for the position of Custodial Technician II. Mr. Eick advised that Mr. Sikon has worked with Colfor for 27 years. Mr. Sikon has done custodial work and basic repairs. Commissioner Wirkner asked if Mr. Sikon was displaced or retired from Colfor. Mr. Eick answered Colfor had closed. Commissioner Wirkner asked if a wage increase will be considered after the probationary period. Mr. Eick answered that there may be a wage increase, depending on work performance.

Motion: to approve the hiring of Travis Sikon for the Custodial Technician II position, at the rate of \$13.00 per hour with a six-month probation period, **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.

 9:11 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
OHIO EDISON ENERGY**

 9:11 AM

Troy Rhoades, Ohio Edison First Energy appeared before the Board to introduce himself. Mr. Rhoades advised that he is the External Affairs Representative for the three townships in Carroll County. Those townships are Augusta, Brown and East Townships. Mr. Rhoades advised that Ohio Edison manages around 475 meters in the county. Mr. Rhoades advised that he would like to let the Board know what he does to support those townships in the county. Mr. Rhoades advised that he works with the Board of Elections to ensure power for polling locations or ensure precautions have been taken in the event there is a power outage at a location. Mr. Rhoades advised that he works with the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Sheriff's offices especially when helicopters come in with tree trimming and transmission line surveillance. Mr. Rhoades advised that Ohio Edison will be working on a transmission line that goes through Carroll County. The Holloway-Knox line will run through Augusta, Washington, Lee and Perry Townships. Mr. Rhoades advised that this project has been delayed. The process started back in 2019. Mr. Rhoades advised that Ohio Edison plans to start work on the transmission line in August of 2022 in the north part of the county and end in the south by sometime in 2024. Mr. Rhoades wanted to inform the Board as residents may see surveyors on their property and may call the Commissioners' Office with questions. Mr. Rhoades advised that he will work with the County Engineer to ensure they are using approved roads and manage agreements with the townships. Mr. Rhoades stated that he understands that Ohio Edison does not have a strong presence in the county, but they do have a website with information for residents who have questions about their bills or how to submit an outage. Commissioner Modranski asked if there is a hotline for residents to call with questions about the transmission line project. Mr. Rhoades answered that residents who may be impacted by the transmission line project will receive a letter that will have phone numbers to call. Commissioner Ohler asked if there is a list of what properties the line will go through. Mr. Rhoades answered that there is a list, and he can share that with the Board. Mr. Rhoades advised that, in the past, only the property owners would receive a letter, but now, neighboring properties are also receiving letters to let them know work will be done in their area. Mr. Rhoades provided the Board with a handout with information about Ohio Edison and his business card.


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

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


1. Bill Simmons for a driveway, Arrow Rd (CR 15), Harrison Township;

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.

 9:22 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
LOAN REFINANCE**


 9:22 AM

Commissioner Ohler advised that the county will refinance the Health Department United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan and the belltower bond with Huntington Bank. Commissioner Ohler advised that this will reduce the length of the USDA loan from the remaining 19 months to 15 months which will save the county around \$45,000. Refinancing the belltower bond with a better interest rate will save the county around \$180,000. This will save the county around \$225,000 by refinancing these two loans. Commissioner Ohler advised that there will be some expenses associated with reissuing the bonds of around \$12,000. Commissioner Ohler advised that by refinancing the Health Department loan, there will be no payment required this year. The expenses for refinancing can be paid out of the line in the budget that was appropriated for the Health Department USDA loan.


**IN THE MATTER OF
PROSECUTOR OPINION**

Motion: to send Resolution #2021-32 to the prosecutor for his review for form and function, **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.


 9:25 AM

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

 9:26 AM


Melissa Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that the Ohio Redistricting Commission recently released its schedule for 10 regional hearings across the state to gather public input on the redrawing of legislative district lines. The hearings are scheduled to take place starting on August 23rd and concluding on August 27th. Each hearing is scheduled to run for three hours. The commission this week also unveiled a new website to promote easy access to commission materials. The new site allows for the public to submit written testimony and proposed district maps as well as a portal to view the commission meetings. The website can be accessed at <https://www.redistricting.ohio.gov/>. Ms. Schaar advised that she checked the schedule, and there will be a meeting at the University of Akron, Youngstown State University and the Zanesville Branch of Ohio University. Ms. Schaar advised that she will post this information on the Commissioners Facebook page.

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

 9:26 AM


Melissa Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that millions of dollars remain available in four new grant programs that target businesses that have suffered significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those programs are the Food and Beverage Establishment Grant, the Lodging Grant, the Entertainment Venue Grant and the New Small Business Grant. More information about these grants and how to apply for them can be found on the Commissioners Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT**

 9:27 AM

Commissioner Wirkner asked if there is an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee. Ron Nuzzolillo, Director of Special Projects advised that the committee needs to formally select a consultant. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that he has heard back from two consultants. One has already provided information on the services they can provide, and the other has information to present to the committee. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that he needs to speak with the committee to set up a meeting with that consultant. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that each consultant has a different approach. One focuses more on infrastructure projects, while the other focuses more on economic development. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that he has been working with Commissioner Modranski on expanding broadband internet access in the county. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that it appears that even after taking into consideration of the federal and state broadband programs, there will be a significant portion of the county that will not have access to broadband internet. This may be another area that the committee would like to utilize ARPA funds. Commissioner Wirkner asked what is the timeframe to expend funds. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that the county has until 2024 to encumber the funds and until 2026 to spend the funds. Mr. Nuzzolillo advised that this is why the committee is taking time to ensure that the funds are utilized to help county residents. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) is looking to lay fiber optic internet cable along side the roadway.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**


 9:30AM

Commissioner Ohler advised that he has a Public Defender Commission meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the state budgeted funded the reimbursement of indigent defense funds at 100%. Commissioner Wirkner stated that this is the first time he remembers the state funding the indigent defense fund at 100%. Commissioner Ohler advised that he will check with the Auditor’s Office to make sure the county is receiving 100% reimbursement.

**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.

 9:31AM

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Ronald M. Nuzzolillo Jr.
Ronald M. Nuzzolillo Jr, Assistant Clerk I

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

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