


Present: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner.


Also present to observe: Nancy Schaar, Free Press Standard, Carol McIntire, Carroll County Messenger, Julie Carr Smyth, Associated Press, Brad Luckey, Tracy Easterday, William Offenberger Jr., Terry Dendak, and Emerson Luttrell.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 9:02 AM


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

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

 9:02 AM

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**


 9:03 AM

April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk II 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 22, 2022, and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:03 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF APPOINTMENT**


 9:03 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Carroll County suffered a heartbreaking loss Saturday morning with the passing of Sheriff Dale Williams. For the past 18 years, Sheriff Williams served the people of Carroll County selflessly, with dignity, honor, and pride. Commissioner Modranski advised that in 2006, Sheriff Williams took a chance and hired him to fill a vacancy in the dispatch center. Commissioner Modranski advised that if Sheriff Williams had not taken that chance and hired him, he may not be a commissioner today. Commissioner Modranski offered his condolences to Sheriff William's wife, Leona, and their family during this difficult time and thank them for their sacrifices over the last 18 years, allowing him to serve this great county. Commissioner Modranski advised that the courthouse bell tower will be lit up blue in Sheriff William's honor for the next 18 days, representing his 18 years of service. Commissioner Modranski advised that at this time, the commissioners must discuss an appointment to the position of sheriff as required Ohio Revised Code 305.02 (F). Sheriff Williams made it clear to the Board of Commissioners before his passing that his recommendation for his successor is Colonel Calvin Graham. Commissioner Modranski advised that Mr. Graham started his career with the Carroll County Sheriff's office in 1993 and was promoted to Sergeant by 1997. Mr. Graham currently holds the rank as Colonel and served as the Sheriff's second in command. Commissioner Modranski opened the floor for discussion for the appointment of Colonel Graham to the office of Carroll County Sheriff. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he would like to direct a few questions to Colonel Graham. The first question asked was whether Colonel Graham met the mandated requirements to fulfill the office of Sheriff, and Colonel Graham answered yes. The second question asked by Commissioner Wirkner was whether Colonel Graham had the operational administrative experience to fulfill the duties of Sheriff; Colonel Graham answered yes. Commissioner Wirkner then asked Colonel Graham if he had the will to serve the people of Carroll County as Sheriff and Colonel Graham responded yes. Commissioner Wirkner asked if Sheriff Williams personally articulated to Colonel Graham who he wished to be the Sheriff in his absence. Colonel Graham stated that Sheriff Williams articulated that he wished Colonel Graham to be the Sheriff. Colonel Graham advised that Sheriff Williams asked Captain Dendak and himself to visit him in the hospital and there he promoted Captain Dendak to Major, and at that time, Major Graham, to rank of Colonel. Commissioner Wirkner asked one final question to Colonel Graham. He asked who had overseen the day-to-day operation of the Sheriff's office in Sheriff William's absence. Colonel Graham advised that Sheriff Williams gave him the authority to run the Sheriff's office daily operations and Colonel Graham kept Sheriff Williams apprised of what was happening in the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it is his opinion that for the continuity and continued efficiency of operations, the Board considers appointing Colonel Graham to the Sheriff position. Commissioner Modranski asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment. Tracy Easterday advised that he has known Colonel Graham for many years, attended the police academy with him, and he feels that Colonel Graham will do a great job as Sheriff. Emerson Luttrell, citizen of Lake Mohawk in Carroll County, advised that he would like to fully endorse Colonel Graham and encouraged him to keep doing the fine job that he's been doing. Brad Luckey advised that he has known Colonel Graham for five years since he moved to Carroll County, and he doesn't think you can find a more dedicated, honest, and loyal person to take over the role of Sheriff for Carroll County. William Offenberger Jr. advised that he has known Colonel Graham for many years, and he is sure that his father, William E. Offenberger, who was a former Carroll County Sheriff would expect him to be here to recommend Colonel Graham for the appointment. Mr. Offenberger advised that Colonel Graham has done a great job and that he has worked with three sheriffs, two republicans and a democrat, proving that he works for the people, not a political party.

Motion: pursuant to ORC 305.02 (F) to appoint Calvin A. Graham as acting Sheriff of Carroll County, **Action:** Upon the call of the roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None; **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:08 AM

 9:09 AM

Colonel Graham was sworn in as Carroll County Sheriff by Judge Michael Repella.


**IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE CLOSURE**

 9:10 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that he would like the Board to consider closing the courthouse on Friday, September 30th, so that staff may attend Sheriff Dale William’s funeral. Commissioner Modranski advised that Jefferson County closed their courthouse when their Sheriff died. Commissioner Modranski advised that he already checked with the judges, and they all advised that they could reschedule anything that was on the schedule for that day.

Motion: to close the courthouse on Friday, September 30, 2022, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:11 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)
Mike Bryan, Superintendent Scott Randal, Garage Supervisor Dave Seck, Supervisor Chris Hawk, Highway Worker IV	Engineer	2022 Superintendents & Mechanics Conference	Newark, OH	10/12/22-10/13/22	\$1,500.00

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:12 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 Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:12 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: Ohio Edison, \$2,097.05.


DJFS: NONE.

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:13 AM


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

 9:12 AM

Cason Leggett, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of September 18, 2022, to September 24, 2022, showing 3 dogs impounded, 2 adopted out, 2 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 1 citation(s) for no license, and 0 citation(s) for running at large.


**IN THE MATTER OF
RUMA AGREEMENT – US-OH-5352 MCLEAN CELL TOWER
BRIDGE 500, LLC**

Motion: to approve a Road Use Maintenance Agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners and Bridge 500, LLC to commence use of 1.5 miles of CR 12 (Apollo Road) for the purpose of ingress to and egress from the US-OH-5352 McLean Cell Tower, for traffic necessary for the purpose of construction and completion operations of the US-OH-5352 McLean Cell Tower, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:13 AM


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

Motion: to approve permits for the use of the following county highway right of way(s) as recommended by the County Engineer:
1. Frontier Communications for the purpose of placing new poles, aerial cable, and buried cable on Cobble Rd. (CR 71) in Washington Township, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:14 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS & RATES
RESOLUTION 2022-26**

Motion: to adopt Resolution No. 2022-26 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 Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None; **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:14 AM

NOTE: Full Resolution follows the end of these minutes.


**IN THE MATTER OF
STERLING MINING CORPORATION**

 9:15 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised Sterling Mining Corporation is requesting a Phase III bond release for 18.6 acres located in Section 8 of Fox Township. A copy of the Legal Notice is on file in the Commissioners' Office.


**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT/CONTRACT
THE CASON GROUP, INC.**

Motion: to approve the agreement with The Cason Group, Inc. for the management of the Employee Benefits Open Enrollment Portal, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:15 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT/CONTRACT – M. GRIFFITH DESIGN & SERVICE, LLC
2021 WATER POLLUTION LOAN CONTROL FUND**

Motion: to approve a contract and issue a notice to proceed to M. Griffith Design & Service, LLC of East Canton, OH, in the amount of \$760.00 to design two home sewage treatment systems for the 2021 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund project at residences located on Hillside Dr SW and Graber Dr SW, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.
Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:16 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
PROSECUTOR OPINION**

M. GRIFFITH DESIGN & SERVICE, LLC CONTRACT

Motion: to send the 2021 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund contract with M. Griffith Design & Service, LLC to the Prosecutor for his approval, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:16 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
LETTER OF SUPPORT - NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATION GRANT TEAM**

Motion: to approve a Letter of Support to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant team offering the Board’s support for the Ohio Middle Mile Plan proposal for the Enabling Middle Mile Infrastructure Program, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:17 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
EMA**

 9:18 AM


Tom Cottis, EMA Director appeared before the Board to provide an update on various EMA activities. Mr. Cottis advised that the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is \$58,720.00. Mr. Cottis needs authorization from the Board to be allowed to sign the grant.

Motion: to allow Tom Cottis, EMA director to be the signatory on the Emergency Management Performance Grant, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:18 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
MARCS RADIO**

 9:19 AM


Tom Cottis, EMA Director, appeared before the Board to advise that the EMA sought donations from various vendors to replace the MARCS radios in the EMA office. Mr. Cottis advised that they have a quote from Staley Technologies which is on state term bid in the amount of a little over \$34,000.00. Mr. Cottis advised that he needs permission to create a purchase order for payment to Staley Technologies. He states they are well under the \$50,000.00 threshold that the county’s procurement policy calls for so they will not have to go out to bid.

Motion: to allow Tom Cottis, EMA Director to create a purchase order for payment to Staley Technologies for the MARCS radios, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:19 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
DALE WILLIAMS**

 9:20 AM

Tom Cottis, EMA Director advised that he would like to recognize that Dale Williams was the second longest serving member of the county’s Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), having served 18 years.

**IN THE MATTER OF
WEATHER APP**

 9:20 AM


Devin Herrington appeared before the Board to advise that the Carroll County Weather app is up and running. Mr. Herrington advised that he could walk the commissioners through downloading that on their phones. Commissioner Wirkner advised that this weather app is superior since it is coming directly from the airport in the county. Mr. Herrington advised that besides the weather, the app also provides text messages for road closures, emergencies, and severe weather events. Commissioner Wirkner advised that

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this app is the foundation stone to prepare Carroll County for storm ready certification. Tom Cottis, EMA Director, advised that they will need to acquire outdoor sirens and radios for the schools to receive the storm ready certification. Commissioner Wirkner asked Mr. Cottis if the schools had the ability to intercommunicate within the app. Mr. Cottis advised that yes, they will. Mr. Cottis advised that it is similar to a chat feature. Commissioner Wirkner asked Mr. Cottis if the chat feature was secure, and Mr. Cottis advised that it is. Mr. Herrington explained how to download the weather app. April Mayle, Assistant Clerk II asked Mr. Herrington if on the app, Carroll County’s local forecast office is listed as Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Herrington advised that is correct. Mr. Cottis encouraged residents to use the app.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MOORE, VICKEY**

 9:31 AM


Vickey Moore, resident, appeared before the Board to discuss issues she has had with her phone and internet service from Frontier. Ms. Moore advised that she has already filed a complaint with the public utilities commission over her poor service with Frontier. Ms. Moore advised that she runs a business at her residence and for the last six months there has not been one day that she can guarantee that her phone is going to be working. She has daily issues with dropped calls. Ms. Moore would like the commissioners to contact Frontier and let them know that the people in Carroll County are not happy with the service. Ms. Moore advised that she has no consistent Wi-Fi, internet service, or phone service daily. Commissioner Modranski asked Ms. Moore if she had any other choice for service available at her residence. Ms. Moore advised that MCTV is putting transformers up on State Route 39, but she does not see anything on her street as of now. Ms. Moore states that she doesn’t have good service with Verizon either. Commissioner Modranski advised that he would make a call to Frontier on behalf of Ms. Moore and other residents of the county. Commissioner Modranski advised that he was not aware of Ms. Moore’s complaint prior to hearing about it today. Ms. Moore advised that she was here four years ago with the same problem. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the county is making a significant investment to try to provide internet services to the underserved areas. Commissioner Modranski advised that the commissioners are working on different opportunities to have fiber run to every house in the county. Commissioner Modranski advised that option is very timely and may take five to ten years. Commissioner Modranski advised that he is working with a company to offer wireless internet which will also offer landline phone service to residents. Commissioner Modranski advised Ms. Moore to leave her address with the clerks and he would make a phone call to Frontier on her behalf. Ms. Moore advised that she has a case number already and Commissioner Modranski advised her to leave that number with the clerks as well. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the county has earmarked millions of dollars to improve the internet service for underserved residents.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:43 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise the calling hours for Sheriff Williams will be held Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The funeral will be held Friday, September 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Schaar advised the calling hours, and the funeral will be held at the Bell-Herron gymnasium located at 252 3rd St. NE in Carrollton. Ms. Schaar advised the Governor’s office has not sent out the flag lowering notification yet, however, as soon as it is received it will be forwarded to Leadership and posted on the Commissioners’ Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
TOWER**


 9:44 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised he has confirmed that the Engineer’s office is the last county entity that is using the tower and he is studying the Engineer’s contract and what options are available.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:44 AM

PREPARED BY:

/s/ April D. Mayle
April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk II

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