


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


Also present to observe: Commissioner-elect Donald E. Leggett, II.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 9:35 AM


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

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

 9:36 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Commissioner Wirkner, Commissioner Ohler, Commissioner-elect Donald E. Leggett, II, and Clerk Melissa Schaar are present at the meeting. Commissioner Modranski advised there is Auditor's staff listening in, in case there are any questions.


**IN THE MATTER OF
2023 BUDGET
WORK SESSION**

 9:36 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised there is an anticipated revenue of \$8,198,850.00 and no clear number for carryover at this point. The estimated number for carryover is \$2,617,309.25, for a total of \$10,816,159.25 revenue and carryover combined. Commissioner Modranski advised if requests are cut to \$10,816,159.25, it will leave \$0 for the unappropriated. Commissioner Wirkner advised he has a couple suggestions. Commissioner Wirkner advised that an amount for the unappropriated needs to be determined. The Board was in agreement that \$400,000.00 would be a good number for the unappropriated. Commissioner Ohler advised there are only two ways to achieve a balanced budget. Reduce the amount of the requests, or increase the revenue. Commissioner Ohler advised that increasing the sales tax is controversial, but the Board has the ability to do so. Commissioner Wirkner advised increasing the sales tax could be self-defeating because residents will go elsewhere to purchase things. Commissioner Ohler advised that departmental requests that can be decreased need to be looked at. The budget currently reflects a three percent increase for most departments, some have more. Commissioner Ohler advised the cost of health insurance could be looked at. Possibly out of pocket limits or deductibles need to be increased on the coverage. Commissioner Wirkner advised the police union will not allow changes. Allowing the Sheriff's department to pay less, and the other employees are told they have to pay more will encourage unionizing. Commissioner Wirkner advised reducing the health insurance benefits reduces employees' salaries and could create issues when the county already has many departments that struggle to maintain employees as it is. Commissioner Ohler agreed it could be self-defeating. Commissioner Ohler advised that the Board will need to look at reducing departmental budgets. Commissioner Ohler advised that it is uncomfortable, and the Board does not want to create issues. There is no need to upset any departments at this time, so departments will be referred to as department A, B, C, etc. This is a preliminary meeting, and things could change. Commissioner Wirkner advised that each elected official handles their budget differently. For instance, some provide a different percentage of the health insurance premium, and some pay the parking for their employees. Commissioner Wirkner advised he feels a set number should be given to the department, and the elected official or department head can decide how to use the funds. Commissioner Modranski advised the Board needs to make up \$2,986,000.00 and agreed that the departments know their budget the best. Commissioner Modranski advised the number cannot be equal for each department because some have certain items that are required and other departments do not have as much. Commissioner Modranski advised department A (page 1) has an increase of approximately \$100,000.00. Commissioner Ohler asked what have the attorney fees have been used for. Melissa Schaar, Clerk advised there were no attorney fees in 2022 but there were fees in 2021 due to an issue in Brown Township. The Airport grant (page 4) of \$10,000.00 was discussed. Commissioner Wirkner advised he is unsure if this is a required grant. The obligation for this grant will be checked. The obligation for the Transit/Victim's Assistance grant (page 5) will be checked as well. Department B (page 8) is where the bulk of the utilities are paid from. The rent line is for the Ohio State University Extension office. Commissioner Modranski advised employee salaries went down in the department due to employee changes. Line 56074 is funded with revenue from the Judge and the Board usually contributes to the line as well. The amount that was contributed by the Board for 2022 will need to be determined. Department C (page 9) and Department D (page 11) only have increases in health insurance. Department E (page 12) has 12% increase in salaries, but it's possible there is an additional employee. This will be confirmed. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the expense was unanticipated, and is the Board obligated to fund unanticipated expenses. Commissioner Modranski advised Department E also had an increase on the health insurance line. Department F (page 16) has a 29% increase on line 50021. Commissioner Wirkner advised this department has two funding sources and believes the second source could cover some of the increases. Department G (page 16) is a \$20,000.00 grant. It is believed this grant is only required to be \$1,500.00. This will be confirmed. Also, the mandated share for Ohio State University Extension (page 18) and Soil and Water Conservation District (page 19) will be confirmed.


**IN THE MATTER OF
TEMPORARY RECESS**

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.

 10:30 AM


Board members reconvened at  1:32 PM

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

 1:32 PM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Commissioner Ohler is absent from the meeting at this time.


**IN THE MATTER OF
2023 BUDGET
WORK SESSION**

 1:32 PM

Commissioner Wirkner advised the Clerks have provided a map of the Ohio sales tax rates for the entire state. It is Commissioner Wirkner’s opinion that it would be counter-productive to increase the sales tax rate. Commissioner Modranski advised that while Carroll County is on the lower end of the tax rates for the states, there is a neighboring county that is even lower. Commissioner Wirkner advised the budget numbers are currently too fluid. The Auditor’s office is currently doing their due diligence to determine the exact carryover number. Commissioner Wirkner suggested waiting for more concrete numbers and then meeting again. Commissioner Modranski suggested the next budget work session be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: to hold a special meeting Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for a 2023 budget work session, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: Vice President Jeffrey L. Ohler; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** President Christopher R. Modranski.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 1:35 PM

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 1:37 PM

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/ 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