



Present: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.
Also present to observe: Thomas Clapper, Carroll County Messenger & Georgette Huff, Free Press Standard.

**IN THE MATTER OF
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 9:00 AM


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

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

 9:01 AM

Commissioner Leggett: Present; Commissioner Wirkner: Present; Commissioner Modranski: Present

**IN THE MATTER OF
 RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**


 9:01 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 Monday, December 4, 2023, and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:01 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)
Jill Tucker, Service Coordinator Noel Bertini-Baker, CPS/SSW 2	JFS	OHR Jefferson County ESC Open House	Steubenville, OH	12/12/23	\$50.00
Sonja Trbovich, Director	Transit	OMEGA-RCC Meeting	Cambridge, OH	12/13/23	\$100.00
Ronald Nuzzolillo Jr, Loss Control Coordinator	Commissioners	Stark County Safety Council Meeting	Canton, OH	12/14/23	\$40.00
Sean R. H. Smith, Judge	Juvenile / Probate	Ohio Judicial Conference	N/A	N/A	\$250.00

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:02 AM


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

Motion: to approve the following appropriation(s):

FUND	NAME	CODE	AMOUNT
21201	Administration	21201-11001-56001	\$8,138.63
10000	Other Expenses	10000-11001-56090	\$500.00
21308	Other	21308-11180-56090	\$8.06
10000	Transfer Out	10000-81280-59200	\$4,878.83
20740	Road Levy	20740-21200-59200	\$25,000.00
21339	Specialized Docket	21339-12130-56040	\$14,028.30
10000	Contract Services	10000-21200-53300	\$25,000.00
20745	Publications	20745-12245-53324	\$4,878.83
21203	Contract Services	21203-11001-53300	\$9,587.55

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:02 AM


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

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

FROM			TO		AMOUNT
FUND	NAME	CODE	NAME	CODE	
10000	Repairs	10000-21200-53306	Contract Services	10000-21200-53300	\$20,000.00
10000	Equipment	10000-12170-54440	Security	10000-11025-56044	\$31.86
10000	Supplies	10000-11001-54400	Supplies-Computer	10000-11001-54420	\$50.00
10000	Equipment	10000-11120-54440	Supplies	10000-11120-54400	\$3,250.00
10000	FOJ Allowance	10000-11120-53500	Equipment	10000-21200-54440	\$20,000.00
10000	Health Ins.	10000-11120-51100	Equipment	10000-21200-54440	\$30,000.00
10000	Travel	10000-11250-52080	Salaries	10000-11250-50020	\$31.39
20708	Medicare	20708-11180-51090	PERS	20708-11180-51070	\$0.81

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:02 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Motion: to approve the following transfer of fund(s):

FUND	CODE (FROM)	CODE (TO)	AMOUNT
10000	10000-81280-59200	20745-12245-49800	\$4,878.83
20740	20740-21200-59200	10000-21200-49800	\$25,000.00

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:02 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 Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:03 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: M Griffith Designs & Service LLC, \$760.00; M Griffith Designs & Service LLC, \$1,100.00; Advanced Excavating & Septic Service, \$285.00; Cuyahoga Co Medical Examiner, \$475.00; Ohio State Coroner’s Association, \$2,398.00; Nichols to Dimes Inc, \$129.50; M Conley Company, \$607.46; Ohio Alcohol Monitoring System, \$2,757.00; Gordon’s Graphic Inc, \$337.00; & Carolina Crisi Systems, \$385.00.


DJFS: Medcerts LLC, \$2,000.00.

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:03 AM

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

 9:03 AM

Cason Leggett, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of December 3, 2023 to December 9, 2023 showing 3 dogs impounded, 3 adopted out, 1 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 0 citation(s) for no license, and 0 citation(s) for running at large. Commissioner Modranski advised that 2024 dog licenses are available for purchase.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**


 9:03 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised the office of the Prosecuting Attorney filed their report for November 2023 for the Carroll County Child Support Enforcement Agency. There was a total of 1,054 open, active cases. A copy is on file in the Commissioners’ Office.

**IN THE MATTER OF
RUMA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #2 – CARROLLTON-GABLE TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD
AEP OHIO TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.**

Motion: to approve a second amendment to the Roadway Use and Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) approved October 21, 2021 in Journal 48, Page 733; the amendment increases the use of Panama Road (CR 328) by 1.79 miles, and the use of Pageant Road (TR 327) by 1.15 miles to the original agreement, and adds 0.19 miles of Panda Rd SE (TR 328) that was not listed in the original agreement, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: None; NEY: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:04 AM


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

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

1. AEP / TRC Companies to replace two existing poles and install one pole in Harrison Township, on Arrow Rd (CR 15);
2. AEP / TRC Companies to replace ten existing poles and rearrange one facility in Orange Township, on Caddy Rd (CR 52) and Azalea Rd (CR 22);
3. Blue Racer Midstream, LLC for a driveway on Bellflower Road (CR 30) in Harrison Township, for the Casper to Perry Pipeline project, TAR #3B;

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:05 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT
M & H FORESTRY AND LAND INC**

Motion: to approve a special hauling permit to M & H Forestry and Land Inc. for hauling over Castle Rd (CR 59) in Perry Township; a \$50,000.00 bond has been provided as required by Brian J. Wise, County Engineer, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:06 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
JFS – VARIOUS CONTRACTS**

Motion: to approve the following contract for Job and Family Services as recommended by Kate Offenberger, Director:

PROVIDER	EFFECTIVE DATE	AMOUNT	SERVICE	TYPE	STATUS	DATE SIGNED
Right At School	11/1/23-10/31/24	Dependent on use	Childcare for Foster Children	MOA	New	11/28/23

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


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:07 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT/CONTRACT
GARDINER WATER TREATMENT**

Motion: to approve a contract with Gardiner Water Treatment of Solon, Ohio in the amount of \$2,249.00 for annual boiler maintenance for the term effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.


Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:07 AM


**IN THE MATTER OF
PY23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Motion: to approve and authorize the Board President to sign the Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for the Community Development Block Grant, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski and Vice President Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:08 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:08 AM


Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that Ohio Means Jobs Carroll County is offering a High School Equivalency Prep class at the Ohio Means Jobs building here in Carrollton. The class schedule is Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in taking this class to prepare for their GED should call Travis at 330.476.5968. Ms. Schaar advised that this information has been shared to the Commissioners’ Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:09 AM


Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that Reminisce Ice Cream Parlor will be hosting a watch party tomorrow, Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to view their America’s Best Restaurant’s premiere. The premiere begins at 5:00 p.m. and guests will be treated to free popcorn. Ms. Schaar advised that this information has been shared to the Commissioners’ Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:09 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has compiled a list of Christmas light locations in Carroll County for 2023. Locations include A1 Twin Valley Campground on Apollo Road, the Gene Scott residence on Carrollton Street in Magnolia, the Larry Garner residence on Canyon Road and the downtown Carrollton square. Ms. Schaar advised that the flyer containing hours and addresses has been shared to the Commissioners’ Facebook page.


**IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF**

 9:10 AM


Sheriff Calvin Graham appeared before the Board to advise that the Sheriff’s office shares an employee with Job & Family Services and the Prosecutor. Sheriff Graham advised that this employee does investigations on child cases. Sheriff Graham advised that the Prosecutor transferred money to purchase a vehicle from Montrose Chrysler for a 2023 Dodge Durango police package vehicle for the cost of \$41,000.00. Sheriff Graham is asking for permission to purchase the vehicle. Commissioner Modranski asked if that was the state bid price. Sheriff Graham advised that it is below state bid. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the Sheriff’s office will have possession of the vehicle. Sheriff Graham advised that the vehicle will be listed on the Sheriff’s asset list. Commissioner Wirkner asked Sheriff Graham if he will repurpose the vehicle that is being replaced. Sheriff Graham advised that it is a 2012 vehicle with high mileage, and he will temporarily use it until springtime when he sells it off. Commissioner Wirkner asked if he would use GovDeals to sell it and Sheriff Graham said yes.

Motion: to allow Sheriff Graham to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango Police Package vehicle in the amount of \$41,000.00 for the investigator to use, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski and Vice President Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.


 9:11 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
CCAO WINTER CONFERENCE**

 9:13 AM


Commissioner Wirkner advised that he attended the 2023 County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Winter Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he has been elected the President of the Southeast District. The 2023 Southeast District meeting was held in Carroll County for the first time. The topic was the oil industry and included a tour of an oil rig. Harrison County will be hosting the 2024 meeting, and the topic will be the solar industry. Industry experts will be invited to present at the meeting. Commissioner Wirkner advised that a solar farm is expected to break ground after the first of the year in Harrison County, so possibly a tour will be part of the meeting. Commissioner Wirkner advised that CCAO has started a program called Decades of Dedication to recognize county commissioners, county executives and county council members that have served for over a decade. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he received one of the awards, which is designed to add a new layer after each decade of service. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he attended sessions that were in direct response to the duties he has taken on, such as property tax evaluation. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he received the latest updates on those topics.

**IN THE MATTER OF
LETTER OF SUPPORT
MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**


 9:14 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that he was contacted by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) asking for a letter of support from the Board. Commissioner Modranski advised that MWCD is applying for a grant from the state legislature's capital bill to do upgrades to the amphitheater at Lake Atwood Park, which is located on the Carroll County side. Commissioner Modranski advised that MWCD would like to build a permanent stage and add Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) capabilities through the park which would allow them to use the amphitheater for more than just the Alive Festival in the summer.

Motion: to authorize a letter of support for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) capital bill grant application,
Action: Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, and Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II,
Seconded by Vice President Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:15 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
MEDIA**

 9:15 AM

Georgette Huff, Carroll County Messenger asked about an article in the paper that was placed by the Carroll County Airport Authority Board. Ms. Huff asked why it is in the paper and what it is all about. Commissioner Modranski asked exactly what Ms. Huff is asking. Ms. Huff asked if the Board is at odds with the Carroll County Authority Board. Ms. Huff advised that the article states that the airport needs \$136,282.00 for matching funds. Ms. Huff asked why the Commissioners are not willing to do that. Commissioner Modranski advised that the airport has never been to a meeting asking for those funds. Ms. Huff asked if this just came out of the blue. Commissioner Wirkner advised that several weeks ago that he and the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, Tom Cottis met with the Board of Directors of the airport. Commissioner Wirkner advised that at that meeting, there was a request made for hundreds of thousands of dollars for fuel tank rehabilitation. Ms. Huff asked if that is what the \$136,282.00 request is for. Commissioner Wirkner advised no. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Airport Board asked him if the Commissioners have their back and he responded that he is only one Commissioner and he cannot speak for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he also told them that it will depend on the state of the county's finances at the time of the request. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there was also a difference of opinion amongst their board regarding the fuel tanks. Commissioner Wirkner advised that one board member wanted new above ground fuel tanks, while another member wanted below ground fuel tanks. Ms. Huff asked where the tanks are located now. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they are below ground. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he asked their board when the last tank inspection was. Ms. Huff asked when the last inspection was. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it was almost ten years ago. Commissioner Wirkner advised that his response was that the tanks should be inspected, they should investigate to find the thickness of the tanks, see if there are any structural problems with the tanks, and once the report is back, they could consider options. Commissioner Wirkner advised that Mr. Cottis agreed to research tank options. Mr. Cottis discovered that there are bladders that can be purchased for about \$24,000.00 per tank. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the airport board needed to decide if they wanted to buy new above ground tanks or rehabilitate the tanks that are in the ground. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the only mention of the grant that came up during that discussion was whether the grant money could be used for rehabilitation of the existing tanks and the grantor said no, because the tanks are used to generate income. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the tanks are used to store fuel for resale and the airport makes a profit on the fuel. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the question of the Board of Commissioners supplying match money was not part of that discussion, so there was never a formal request made to the commissioners for the money. Commissioner Wirkner advised that secondly, the airport has never appeared before the Board of Commissioners with a formal request asking for match money. Ms. Huff asked if any of them had been to see Commissioner Wirkner personally. Commissioner Wirkner reiterated there has been no request to the Board for the money, other than the article in the newspaper. Commissioner Wirkner advised that is not the preferred method of operation to get this Board to favorably look at a proposal. Ms. Huff advised that she didn't think it would be the preferred method, but it did get everyone's attention. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there is a host of people that come to the meeting throughout the year asking for the taxpayers' money for their own purposes. Commissioner Wirkner advised that many of them have proposals that are very good. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners triage those proposals against the needs and the available money and then they decide. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Board does not respond to manipulation. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if you want something from the Board, you present to the Board what the value of the project is and how that will benefit the majority of the citizens of Carroll County. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Boards' decision is made by whatever value exists and how it is going to benefit the people. Commissioner Wirkner suggests that the Airport Authority Board come forward to the Board of Commissioners, along with their Treasurer, President, and their financial records for the last five years. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the reason this has not been brought up in session, is there has never been a formal request made to the Commissioners. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he has attended almost every one of their meetings so he can have a picture of what is going on. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they are like many other operations who want the Commissioners to fund their operations. Ms. Huff asked if the Commissioners have any responsibility to the Airport Authority Board. Commissioner Wirkner advised no. Ms. Huff asked if they are on their own. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they have their own board, and they generate income on their own. Ms. Huff asked how they generate income. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they generate income with the sale of fuel, hangar leases, they lease their property out to industrial sites. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there are several things the Commissioners can do. Ms. Huff asked what those things are. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners can give grants to various individuals. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there are several things that the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) deems that the

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Commissioners must do. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners take care of the things they must take care of before they take care of any other requests. Ms. Huff asked what ORC says the commissioners must take care of. Commissioner Wirkner advised that there are several things, such as Job & Family Services, elder care, childcare, and indigent defense. Ms. Huff asked if the airport is on the list of ORC requirements, or if they are on their own. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the airport is not on the list. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners recognize three things about the airport. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the airport does support some economic activity value, it provides some critical infrastructure value, and it provides value to hobbyists that own aircraft. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Board is comprised of all volunteers. Commissioner Wirkner advised that before the Board would give the airport a large sum of money, they would like to see their financial reports and see if they are doing everything they can do. Ms. Huff asked Commissioner Wirkner if he sees their financial statements when he attends their meetings. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he sees their Treasurer's report. Commissioner Wirkner advised that this past year, the airport had a problem with tree removal. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the problem went on for a while, and the Commissioners provided the funds to purchase a property to get them out from under that. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners give them a grant of about \$10,000.00 a year and assist when there is an item that they can assist with. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners assisted with the tree removal program and provided county resources. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the surveying of the purchased property was done by the County Engineers' office, which added value and benefit to the airport. Commissioner Wirkner advised that Mr. Cottis provides services at the airport, as well as a place to meet at the Emergency Management Agency building. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he agrees with Commissioner Modranski that the Board has not received an official request from the Airport asking for funds. Ms. Huff asked if the Airport took the ad out in the paper, but never asked the Commissioners for funds. Commissioner Modranski and Commissioner Leggett advised that they did not know anything about the Airport needing match money until they read it in the newspaper. Ms. Huff advised that she was startled when she got to the end of the paper and saw the ad. Ms. Huff asked if they just skipped the part of asking the commissioners for money and Commissioner Wirkner advised, yes, they skipped the part of appearing before the Board and stating their case. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he advised them at the last meeting where they asked for lots of money for fuel tanks, that he is only one person, and they would need to make a request to the whole Board. Ms. Huff asked if anyone has called the Commissioners in response to the ad. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he has received a lot of e-mails. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Airport Board should come to the meeting and make their pitch, explaining why it has value, and the commissioners will consider it. Commissioner Wirkner advised that trying to manipulate the Board through the paper is not the preferred method of making a request for assistance. Ms. Huff advised that is not fair. Commissioner Wirkner asked how this looks to the taxpayers when they request match money while placing full page ads in the papers. Commissioner Wirkner advised that in his opinion, that money could have been used toward the match. Ms. Huff advised that it is annoying to her that no one has come to the Board to talk about this. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they have met with Mr. Cottis and himself, but the discussion was about fuel tanks. Ms. Huff asked if the fuel tanks have been in the ground for ten years, are they even any good anymore? Commissioner Wirkner advised that they have been there since the 1970's. Ms. Huff asked if they have been in there for 40 years, are they still any good. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they are serviceable. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the bladders can be rehabilitated. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he talked to a couple Commissioners from surrounding counties to see how much support they give their airport. One Commissioner advised that in their county, they give them about \$10,000-\$15,000 a year. Another Commissioner advised that they normally do not provide them with anything, but recently gave them \$43,000.00 to help with a fuel tank issue. A third commissioner advised that they do not usually give their airport anything either, but the airport asked for assistance with a grant, so they provided them \$50,000. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Commissioners have been good with helping the airport when they get jammed up. Ms. Huff asked what the airport does with the \$10,000 that the Commissioners give them. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Airport Board state that they give it all back in taxes. Commissioner Wirkner advised when the airport needed assistance, the Commissioners provided services and resources. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if the people of Carroll County want to fund the airport on a continual basis, then they should consider a levy for it. Ms. Huff asked if that would have to come from the Airport Board. Commissioner Wirkner advised that it would. Ms. Huff advised that someone should do something. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Board of Commissioners does not know the state of the Airport's finances. Commissioner Wirkner advised that before the Board commits any taxpayer dollars, he would like to know how much money that they have that they can put towards this project. Ms. Huff asked if the Board would ask them now how much money they have. Commissioner Wirkner advised, no, their people need to appear before this Board to make a request that is outside of an effort to manipulate the Board through the newspaper. Ms. Huff advised that they spent a lot of money on the ads. Commissioner Wirkner advised that they would have been better off spending their time appearing before the Board. Commissioner Wirkner advised that everyone else that comes before the Board with a financial request, has budget hearings or does a budget request. Commissioner Leggett advised that the ad in the paper was not the correct way to ask for money. Commissioner Wirkner advised that if they give the grant to the Airport now, the average taxpayer will assume that the Commissioners gave in to pressure and allowed themselves to be bullied. Ms. Huff asked the Commissioners if they had responded to the ads at all or told the Airport Board that they needed to show up to the meeting. Commissioner Modranski advised that if the Airport Board had reached out to him with their request, he would have invited them to the meeting. Commissioner Modranski advised that they did not reach out and he read it in the newspaper. Ms. Huff said she was surprised that no one was here today, and Commissioner Modranski advised that maybe they will show up on Thursday. Ms. Huff asked if any of this came up when Commissioner Wirkner was at their meeting. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he was aware that they applied for the grant, he was aware that they received the grant, and he was aware that they were discussing methods to get the funding, but there was never a formal request that they wanted the Commissioners to give them the money for the match. Ms. Huff asked when Commissioner Wirkner met with them. Clerk Melissa Schaar advised that the meeting was on November 20, 2023. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the newspaper stated that the response from the Commissioners was not positive. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the reason the Airport Board is saying that is because he told them that he is only one person, and he cannot speak for the entire Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:41 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/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, Vice President
/s/ Donald E. Leggett II
Donald E. Leggett II, Commissioner