**Present:** President Donald E. Leggett II, Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner. **Also present to observe:** Thomas Clapper, Free Press Standard.

# IN THE MATTER OF

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 赵 9:00 AM

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

## IN THE MATTER OF

### **RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**

## ڬ 9:01 AM

Eva N. Johnson, 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, April 24, 2025, and electronic recording of the proceedings, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Donald E. Leggett II, Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Christopher R. Modranski **Seconded by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.



## 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 Donald E. Leggett II, Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner **Seconded by** Vice President Christopher R. Modranski.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

9:01 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:** Motorola Solutions Inc, \$381.00.

#### DJFS: None.

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

9:01 AM

## IN THE MATTER OF

REPORT OF COUNTY DOG WARDEN

9:02 AM

Merle Long, Assistant Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of April 20, 2025 to April 26, 2025 showing 4 dogs impounded, 2 adopted out, 1 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 0 citation(s) for no license, and 1 citation(s) for running at large.

#### IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTOR OPINION

**Motion:** to send a Programmatic Agreement by and between the Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office and the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio to the Prosecutor for his review for form and function, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Donald E. Leggett II, Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

9:02 AM

#### IN THE MATTER OF LAND & LIBERTY COALITION RENEWABLE ENERGY

## 9:03 AM

Nick Bundren, Senior Field Manager with Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition appeared before the Board as part of the 88 County Tour of Ohio initiative. Mr. Bundren asked the Board a list of standardized questions and the Commissioners responded. Commissioner Modranski advised that a constituent has questions about solar energy and asked Mr. Bundren if the constituent could reach out to him. Mr. Bundren advised yes, he would be happy to help.

## IN THE MATTER OF

## RESOLUTION 2025-15

## 🔰 9:13 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Lynn Fairclough, the current Auditor, has tendered her resignation for April 30, 2025. The Republican Central Committee cannot appoint someone for five days after the designation of vacancy of the office. Commissioner Modranski advised the Republican Central Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, therefore, that leaves a gap between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> without an Auditor in place, which means that no bills can be signed, and no payroll can be conducted. Commissioner Modranski advised that Staci Brady, Chief Deputy Auditor has shown interest in the Auditor's position, along with two other ladies for the remainder of the term. Commissioner Modranski advised that this appointment is not an endorsement to the Republican Central Committee, but based on the fact that Ms. Brady is the current Chief Deputy Auditor. Commissioner Wirkner advised that the appointment is to guarantee that operations will be uninterrupted and continue to stay efficient. Ms. Brady advised that the Auditor's office appreciates the Board of Commissioners for making the appointment for an acting Auditor so that the office may continue to function through the next week or so.

**Motion:** to adopt resolution 2025-15 appointing an acting county Auditor for Carroll County, Ohio, effective May 1, 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 305.02(D), **Action:** Upon the call of roll, vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Donald E. Leggett II, Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, and Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Vice President Christopher R. Modranski. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

9:16 AM

## RESOLUTION 2025-15

## A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ACTING COUNTY AUDITOR FOR CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025, PURSUANT TO ORC § 305.02(D)

WHEREAS, a vacancy will occur in the office of the Carroll County Auditor effective May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 305.02(D) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a person to hold the office as an acting officer and to perform the duties thereof between the occurrence of the vacancy and the time when the officer appointed under division (B) of this section qualifies and takes office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to ensure the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Auditor's Office during this interim period.

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

- **1. Appointment**: Mrs. Staci Brady, Chief Deputy Auditor, is hereby appointed as Acting County Auditor for Carroll County, Ohio.
- 2. Term: The term for the Acting County Auditor is effective May 1, 2025 and remains effective until the Carroll County Republican Central Committee appointee qualifies and assumes office.
- **3. Duties**: The Acting County Auditor shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the office as prescribed by law until such time as the individual appointed by the Carroll County Republican Central Committee under ORC § 305.02(B) qualifies and assumes office.
- 4. Certification: In accordance with ORC § 305.02(C), this appointment shall be certified to the Carroll County Board of Elections and the Ohio Secretary of State by presenting an original, signed copy of this resolution to the Carroll County Board of Elections office by the close of business on April 28, 2025.
- 5. **Compensation**: The Acting County Auditor shall receive remuneration as provided by law for the office of County Auditor.
- 6. Three original, signed copies of this Resolution shall be distributed as follows: one copy to be retained by the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio; one copy to be provided to the Carroll County Board of Elections as presented in item 4; and one copy to Mrs. Staci Brady, Acting County Auditor for Carroll County, Ohio.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that this Board of County 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.

Mr. <u>Wirkner</u> moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;

Mr. <u>Modranski</u> seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Leggett, Yes; Mr. Modranski, Yes; Mr. Wirkner, Yes

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** OF CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO

/s/ Donald E. Leggett II Donald E. Leggett II, President

ATTEST:

<u>/s/ Eva N. Johnson</u> Eva N. Johnson, Assistant Clerk II /s/ Christopher R. Modranski

Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President

<u>/s/ Robert E. Wirkner</u> Robert E. Wirkner, Commissioner

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

## 9:18 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise viewers that early voting hours for this week are as follows: Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am to 7:30pm; Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am to 8:30pm; Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30am to 7:30pm; Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am to 4pm; and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 5pm. Election Day is Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am to 7:30pm at your regular polling location. Ms. Schaar advised that this information has been shared to the Commissioners' Facebook page, along with a link to search for your polling location.

## IN THE MATTER OF

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

## 🔰 9:19 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise viewers that the Carroll County General Health District, in community partnership with the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank is bringing a Pop-Up Pantry Free Food Distribution event to Carroll County. This event will be held the first Wednesday of every month beginning May 7, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The event will be held rain or shine at the Carrollton Church of Christ on Moody Avenue. Ms. Schaar advised that the information has been shared to the Commissioners' Facebook page.

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

# ڬ 9:20 AM

Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk appeared before the Board to advise that if anyone sees Sheriff Calvin Graham today, wish him a happy birthday.

#### IN THE MATTER OF JAIL KITCHEN

# 🤰 9:20 AM

Commissioner Leggett advised the jail kitchen renovation started today so there may be a lot of noise in the courthouse.

## IN THE MATTER OF

#### **ADJOURN**

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

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

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#### **PREPARED BY:**

/s/ Eva N. Johnson Eva N. Johnson, Assistant Clerk II

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.	
/s/ Melissa N. Schaar	
Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk	
/s/ Donald E. Leggett II	
Donald E. Leggett, President	

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY**

/s/ Donald E. Leggett II Donald E. Leggett, President /s/ Christopher R. Modranski Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President /s/ Robert E. Wirkner Robert E. Wirkner, Commissioner