



**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, and Edward Hale, resident.


IN THE MATTER OF  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

 9:01 AM  
Commissioner Leggett asked that everyone join in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROLL CALL / BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE


 9:02 AM  
Commissioner Wirkner: Present; Commissioner Modranski: Present; Commissioner Leggett: Present

IN THE MATTER OF  
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS

 9:02 AM  
Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk 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, July 3, 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.


 9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF  
EXPENSES

**Motion:** to approve the following travel and membership expenses:

| NAME, TITLE  | DEPT. | EVENT                     | LOCATION       | DATE    | AMOUNT<br>(not to exceed) |
|--|-------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Lorrie Cline, ERS Supervisor<br>Alex Logan, ERS Supervisor | JFS   | C-8 Meeting               | Belleville, OH | 7/8/25  | \$100.00                  |
| Makenna Wimer, SSW2  | JFS   | Collaboration and Teaming | Akron, OH      | 7/14/25 | \$40.00                   |

**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.


 9:02 AM

IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION(S)

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

| FUND  | NAME  | CODE              | AMOUNT        |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 20938 | Salaries – Community Based<br>Correction Program – Muni | 20938-12170-50020 | (\$41,442.00) |
| 20938 | Program Expenses  | 20938-12170-54400 | (\$44,868.00) |
| 20948 | Salaries – Community Based<br>Correction Program – Muni | 20948-12170-50020 | \$41,442.00   |
| 20948 | Program Expenses  | 20948-12170-54400 | \$44,868.00   |

**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  
APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT(S)

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


| FUND  | FROM                                   |                   | TO   |                   | AMOUNT       |
|-------|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
|       | NAME                                   | CODE              | NAME   | CODE              |              |
| 10000 | Renovations –<br>Moody Avenue<br>Annex | 10000-11026-53395 | Professional<br>and Technical<br>Services –<br>Moody Ave | 10000-11026-53340 | \$140,000.00 |

**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.


 9:03 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 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.


 9:03 AM

IN THE MATTER OF  
REPORT OF COUNTY DOG WARDEN

 9:03 AM

Merle Long, Assistant Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of June 30, 2025 to July 6, 2025 showing 4 dogs impounded, 3 adopted out, 0 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 2 citation(s) for no license, and 1 citation(s) for running at large.


IN THE MATTER OF  
STEPPING UP – NATIONAL INITIATIVE  
RESOLUTION 2025-20

 9:04 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that he was contacted by Kyle Petty, Managing Director of Policy at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) encouraging Carroll County to join the Stepping Up Initiative. Commissioner Modranski reviewed the Stepping Up Initiative, which was created in response to the growing roles that jails are playing as de facto mental health facilities. Commissioner Modranski shared information about the Stepping Up initiative with the Board and advised that over 63 Ohio counties have joined, resulting in substantial results. Commissioner Modranski advised that he emailed the county’s judges, probation officers, the prosecutor, and the sheriff asking for their opinions on the initiative. The respondents were all in favor of learning more. The next step is to pass a resolution, then a virtual kick-off meeting for interested parties will be set up by the initiative group. Commissioner Modranski read the resolution. Commissioner Wirkner advised that jails have been de facto mental health facilities for years. The topic has been discussed for some time and needs addressed. Commissioner Wirkner advised that this is a positive step in the right direction.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Motion:** to adopt resolution 2025-20 to join the Stepping Up Ohio Initiative, **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** Vice President Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Commissioner Robert E. Wirkner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:08 AM

RESOLUTION 2025-20

STEPPING UP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS

**WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year;

**WHEREAS**, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public;

**WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

**WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

**WHEREAS**, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders;

**WHEREAS**, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs;

**WHEREAS**, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

**WHEREAS**, Carroll County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

**WHEREAS**, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT** we, the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Ohio do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in our state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees, and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

1.

Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

2.

Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals’ needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels;

3.

Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community;
4.

Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers;
5.

Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan; and
6.

Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that this Board of 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. Modranski moved for the adoption of the preceding Resolution;  
Mr. Wirkner seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll the vote was recorded as follows:  
Mr. Leggett, yes; Mr. Wirkner, yes; Mr. Modranski, yes.

Motion carried on unanimous vote. Resolution adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

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

**ATTEST:**


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

/s/ Melissa N. Schaar  
Melissa N. Schaar, Clerk

/s/ Christopher R. Modranski  
Christopher R. Modranski, Vice President


/s/ Robert E. Wirkner  
Robert E. Wirkner, Commissioner

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:13 AM


April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I advised that the Carroll County General Health District shared information on their Facebook page regarding Lyme Disease. There were 128 cases of Lyme disease reported in 2024. Lyme disease is spread to humans by ticks and it can lead to fever, fatigue, joint pain, and a bull’s-eye rash. The most effective way to prevent diseases from ticks and mosquitoes is to prevent being bitten in the first place by wearing light colored clothing and long sleeves, use insect repellant, empty items that contain standing water, and avoid brushy and wooded areas with tall grass and dead leaf piles. The Health Department advised that early treatment makes all the difference and encourages residents to watch for a rash or fever following any tick bite and talk to your health provider right away if either arise.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CLERK’S REPORT**

 9:14 AM


April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I shared information from Tonya Myers, Director of Carroll County Friendship Center. The Friendship Center birthday dinner is tomorrow. Please RSVP by 9:00 am. The menu is baked pork chops, sweet potato casserole, Nantucket blend veggies, cranberry relish, dinner roll and cake. The center is prepping to be closed for fair week. Shelf stable boxes will go out this week to all home delivered and congregate diners. All transportation calls will go directly through Transit from 7/14/25 through 7/17/25 at 330-627-1900, option 1. The center will return to normal business on 7/21/25 at 8:00 am. Reminder to be cautious in the parking lot upon returning. This Friday, July 18, 2025, the center is hosting “trunk trades” in the parking lot from for seniors 60 and older from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Purge your home, fill your trunk and trade it off, no money exchanged. Seniors are encouraged to take out your extras to Hospice Browse and Buy, the Carroll Golden Age Retreat, or Goodwill. If you RSVP ahead of time, lunch will be delivered to your car. The center will be open to cool down and use the restrooms. The center is looking for team members for substitute driver positions with the potential of three to five days a week. The job duties include learning one or more routes and deliver to approximately 40-70 seniors daily.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

 9:16 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised that the Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP) received funding in the latest budget for administrative costs. There will be investors at this month’s meeting to discuss public-private partnerships.


**IN THE MATTER OF  
FOE #2185 LADIES AUXILIARY  
FIREWORKS**

 9:16 AM

Commissioner Modranski congratulated the FOE #2185 Ladies Auxiliary on a very nice fireworks show on Saturday evening.

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.

 9:16 AM

**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/ 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