

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

 9:01 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

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, February 5, 2026, 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** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner, **Seconded by** Commissioner Donald E. Leggett II.

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 (not to exceed)
Richard Rennie, Highway Worker Brenen Green, Highway Worker Greg Kinkade, Highway Worker Nick Roudebush, Highway Worker Kevin Criss, Highway Worker	Engineer	Work Zone Traffic Control & Safety	Akron, OH	04/16/26	\$330.00

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.

 9:02 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.

 9:02 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 AMS, LLC, \$279.00; Huntington National Bank, \$690.34; C&J Noble Construction, \$16,435.00; Young Truck Sales, \$2,409.21; Kimble Recycling & Disposal, \$126.11; Cintas Corporation, \$523.00; American Electric Power, \$359.55; American Electric Power, \$128.71; American Electric Power, \$1,916.56; Ohio Cat, \$950.00; LTAP, \$330.00; Postmaster, \$780.00.

DJFS: None.

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

Merle Long, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of February 1, 2026 to February 7, 2026 showing 1 dog impounded, 0 adopted out, 0 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 0 citation(s) for no license, 0 citation(s) for running at large, and 0 citation(s) for rabies quarantine violation.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MONTHLY CONVEYANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2026
AUDITOR’S OFFICE**

 9:03 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that Auditor Staci Brady filed her report of conveyances and fees for January 2026. A copy is on file in the Commissioners’ office.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2026
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

 9:03 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised the office of the Prosecuting Attorney filed his report for January 2026 for the Carroll County Child Support Enforcement Agency. There was a total of 992 open, active cases. A copy is on file in the Commissioners’ office.

**IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE CLOSURE**

 9:04 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that the Courthouse and all non-emergency offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of Presidents’ Day.

**IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING
GENERAL TRADES – CHANGE ORDER #14**

 9:04 AM

Commissioner Modranski advised that change order #14 includes work associated with new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in multiple rooms at the courthouse annex building.

Motion: to approve change order #14 in the amount of \$157,065.00 for the Moody Avenue Renovation Project, **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.

 9:04 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
HOPE IN OHIO**

 9:05 AM

Natalie Bollon, Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Tuscarawas and Carroll County appeared before the Board to discuss Hope in Ohio: Carroll County Suicide Prevention Community Conversation. Ms. Bollon advised that in October 2025, the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) made visits to ADAMHS Boards across the State of Ohio. Every county has an ADAMHS Board. Ms. Bollon advised that one thing the DBH and the ADAMHS Board discussed was the suicide rate in Carroll County. Ms. Bollon advised that she is grateful for the Carroll County General Health District (CCGHD) because they created a Suicide Fatality Review Committee about a year and a half ago. This Committee tracks suicide data throughout the community. Ms. Bollon provided the suicide statistics in Carroll County. Ms. Bollon advised that when this information was given to the State Representatives from the DBH, they asked the ADAMHS Board if they would be interested in doing an initiative the DBH has been doing in different counties across the state so far. The initiative is called Hope in Ohio. Ms. Bollon explained the different components involved in the initiative. Ms. Bollon advised that partners from the DBH will be coming to Carroll County on February 25, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Center. Tia Moretti, DBH Director will be in attendance, as will Tony Coder, Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Executive Director, who will be coming to interview an individual whose husband died by suicide. Ms. Bollon advised there will be a panel discussion of local Carroll County resources and named several of the organizations that will be a part of the discussion. Empower Youth will end the meeting with a presentation of what they are doing for the youth in Carroll County. Ms. Bollon advised it is important that those in attendance walk away with information and resources, and that the state partners see Carroll County represented well in the audience. Commissioner Modranski asked if there are any premade information graphics that Ms. Bollon could send over so it could be posted to the Commissioners’ social media. Ms. Bollon advised yes. Ms. Bollon advised that the DBH and Hope in Ohio would like to do an assessment of Carroll County residents. Those who wish to participate can scan the QR code that is on the flyer and should only take three or four minutes. Ms. Bollon advised that the assessment fuels what comes after the event, which is a gap analysis and recommendations for the local community.

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Ms. Bollon explained how the ADAHMS Board is also trying to build a connection with the medical community. Commissioner Wirkner asked if there is any data that indicates how many of the suicides were impacted by receiving news about terminal health. Ms. Bollon advised of other numbers that are being found for many reasons, including a life altering diagnosis. Commissioner Modranski asked what time the event is on February 25, 2026, at the Friendship Center. Ms. Bollon advised that the event is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Modranski advised that the ADAMHS Board and CCGHD have always been great partners and that it is appreciated what is being done to represent the issues in Carroll County. Ms. Bollon advised that Carroll County is a great community and Commissioner Modranski agreed.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERKS REPORT**

 9:12 AM

April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I appeared before the Board to advise residents that both Carrollton Exempted Village School District and Carroll Hills School are accepting applications for bus drivers. Carroll Hills school is also hiring substitute classroom aides. Information for all these job postings has been shared to the Commissioners’ Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLERKS REPORT**

 9:12 AM

April D. Mayle, Assistant Clerk I appeared before the Board to advise residents that the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) has announced the 2026 Ohio Counties Scholarship application is now available through the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation. This scholarship supports the next generation of public servants, and since 2023, the Foundation has awarded \$30,000.00 in scholarships to 15 young leaders from 14 Ohio counties. This year, five scholarships will be awarded, with an application deadline of May 1, 2026. The application can be downloaded at CCAO.org/foundation. I have shared this information to the Commissioners’ Facebook page.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

 9:13 AM

Ed Eick, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent appeared before the Board to discuss the applications and resumes for the Custodial/Maintenance Tech I position. Mr. Eick advised there were five applicants for the position. Mr. Eick advised that the three applicants with the strongest backgrounds for what the position requires were chosen for the interview process. Mr. Eick recommended hiring Alberto Gomez for the Custodial/Maintenance Tech I position. Mr. Eick discussed the skills that make Mr. Gomez the best fit for the position. Commissioner Wirkner asked if the hiring will also be contingent upon a background check. Mr. Eick advised yes, he requires new employees to be sent for a drug test and background check. Commissioner Leggett advised that Mr. Gomez also has experience with snow removal.

Motion: to hire Alberto Gomez for the Custodial/Maintenance Tech I position at the Moody Avenue building at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective contingent on a start date with approval from Ed Eick, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, **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.

 9:17 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF
MEETINGS**

 9:17 AM

Commissioner Wirkner advised of various meetings that he will be attending this evening. Commissioner Wirkner advised that he will provide an update from these meetings at Thursday’s Board of Commissioners meeting.

**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** President Christopher R. Modranski, **Seconded by** Vice President Robert E. Wirkner.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

 9:17 AM

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/ 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
Donlad E. Leggett II, Commissioner

