

REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 6, 2025

COMMISSIONERS WILLIAM R BROWN, LOREN HYLTON AND SCOTT AYRES MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON 6th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025 AT 9:00 AM TO CONDUCT BUSINESS PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF CARROLL COUNTY AND THE STATE OF INDIANA. TED JOHNSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WAS PRESENT.

Commissioner William R Brown opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Loren Hylton made a motion to table minutes until next meeting on request of the Co Auditor with Scott Ayres seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

CLAIMS: Loren Hylton made a motion to approve the following claims as presented with Scott Ayres seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

- Payroll ending 9-13-25 in the amount of \$311,504.28
- Payroll ending 9-16-25 in the amount of \$4,206.99
- Sept 2025 LIT PSAP claims in the amount of \$48,183.25
- Sept 2025 LIT EDIT claims in the amount of \$80,305.31
- Sept 2025 LIT Freeze Claims in the amount of 339,049.26
- Sept 2025 LIT Certified Shares claims in the amount of \$535,369.00
- Sewer Collection claim in the amount of \$180.00
- CCRD claims in the amount of \$6,875.00
- Imagine 3060 insurance claims in the amount of \$42,859.67
- Education plate fee claim in the amount of \$18.75
- Early Claims in the amount of \$2,899.89
- Sewer Claim in the amount of \$180.00
- Early First Financial claims in the amount of \$6,980.38
- Early 2 Claims in the amount of \$20,948.08
- Wex Claims in the amount of \$928.06
- Jury Claims in the amount \$1,652.02
- Redemption claim in the amount of \$1,394.77
- Sales Disclosure claim in the amount of \$20.00
- Early Claims in the amount of \$11,568.13
- County General Claims in the amount of \$445,238.59
- Highway Claims in the amount \$504,686.26
- Other Funds claims in the amount of \$128,276.03
- ARPA claims in the amount of \$ \$135.528.11
- CCRD claims in the amount of \$72.45
- Surplus claims in the amount of \$256.08

4-H GROUND'S BATHROOM QUOTE: Cari Butcher, Matt Trapp and Gretchen Campbell presented information on the urgent need to replace the restroom facilities at the county fairgrounds. The current structure is deteriorating rapidly and will soon become unsafe and unusable. They presented a tentative plan and obtained quotes from local contractors. Four (4) Estimates were presented ranging from \$139,425.00 to \$186,400.00. Scott Ayres made a motion to support this project and advertise \$140,000.00 from EDIT or Rainy Day fund for Council to decide where funding would come from. Loren Hylton seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. Commissioners will visit the project site with the Exhibit board members this week.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Hunter Alderman presented information:

- Side winding machine. Machine is not available until 2 weeks from now; so work has been postponed for two weeks. Highway will start on 900N off 421, then continue to 300 S.
- Bucket truck is in the shop. Needs to start working on the Road report for next year.
- Bill Brown stated there is a dead tree at Adams Mill Bridge (on Flora side down stream side) that needs to be removed.
- Highway does not have a mechanic.
- Highway is not back at normal hours 6:30 am to 3 pm starting today.

RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE: APC Executive Director Mike Martin and Regional Agriculture representative Connie Neidlinger presented information on Right to Farm Ordinance. Article 3. Schedule of District Regulations and Ordinance No 2025-05 was distributed. Loren Hylton made a motion to read Ordinance by title only. Auditor Myers was requested to read Ordinance 2025-05 by title only. Ordinance 2025-05: An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Carroll County, Indiana approving amendments to 152.50 of the Carroll

County Code codifying the Right to Farm in an agriculture district. No other action taken.

DATE OF TABLETOP EXERCISE FOR COURTHOUSE: EMA/E-911 Director Mike Fincher explained the date of tabletop exercise for the courthouse with be December 17, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Location to be determined.

COUNTY BURN BAN: EMA/E-911 Director Mike Fincher requested a county-wide burn ban. Commissioners made a motion to support Executive order 2025-03 proclaiming a county-wide burn ban starting today at 10:25 am and ending November 6, 2025 at 10:25 am.

PIRATES ROOST NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNED CITIZENS: Brenda Kesterson, Troy Carter, and Gina Carter expressed concerns about anyone is allowed to shoot shot guns into the water (Lake Freeman) for hunting purposes (geese). This is a very populated area and many people on the lake. This happened 5 days after Labor Day which was unsafe on a recreational lake. APC Executive director Mike Martin advised to check covenant on HOA neighborhood and offered to help with this situation. County Attorney Ted Johnson will check on covenants or HOA requirements. DNR Officer Dan Dulin explained the hunting guidelines. A Beacon map was provided for an overview of area involved in Jefferson Township.

INNKEEPERS TAX 2023-05: County Attorney Ted Johnson provided the following information on the Innkeepers tax.

- From IC 6-9-18-4 Convention, Visitors and Tourism promotion fund
 - a) Money in a convention, visitor, and tourism promotion fund, or money transferred from such a fund under subsection (b), may be expended only to promote and encourage conventions, visitors, and tourism within the county. Expenditures under this subsection may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for advertising, promotional activities, trade shows, special events, and recreation.

SINGLE TREE PROPERTY EXCHANGE: Scott Ayres made a motion to allow appraisal and survey fees in the amount of \$25,000 from EDIT or RAINY DAY FUN IF COUNCIL APPROVES. Loren Hylton seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0..Scott Ayres made a motion to adopt/approve Resolution of Interest with Loren Hylton seconding. Co Atty Ted Johnson will send on to Council attorney Eric Burns to present to the Council at their next meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT/PARK BOARD RESIGNATION: Park Board President Bob Burton could not be present due to a prior appointment. Tabled to Monday, October 20, 2025.

ARPA INTEREST REQUEST/EXPLANATION: ARPA request from Auditor and Sheriff for the Dog Kennel at the new jail is needed for \$4,000.00. The original claim filed by the Sheriff was not complete with all information included in the amount of claim. (\$11,166.00) Therefore, \$4,000 is still needed. Sheriff paid from his Sheriff budget and needs to be reimbursed. Scott Ayres made a motion to approve ARPA request with Loren Hylton seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

2026 EDIT REQUESTS: Tabled until October 20, 2025 meeting.

- Ross Brown presented an EDIT request in the amount of \$20,000.00 to help repair floor of the main shop for small shops celebration in Cutler. Bill Brown left during presentation.
 - Paul Rider requested \$30,000 for Carroll Manor. No plan was presented.
- Loren Hylton made a motion to table all EDIT requests to October 20, 2025 with Scott Ayres seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

COURTHOUSE APPLICATIONS: Scott Ayres made a motion to approve the following Courthouse usage applications:

- Courthouse Usage/Grounds by Delphi American Legion Post 75 (November 11, 2025)
- Courthouse Usage (restrooms) by Delphi Main Street (October 18, 2025)
- Courthouse Grounds Application by We the People/Republican Party (10-14-2025)

APPROVAL OF AIRLINE TICKETS FOR CASA: Loren Hylton made a motion to approve the purchase of airline tickets for CASA director Sue Hartman with Scott Ayres seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. Permission needed by Personnel Policy Book.

NEXT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING: The next regular Commissioners' meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025 at 9 am.

ADJOURNMENT: Scott Ayres made a motion to adjourn with Loren Hytton seconding. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Carroll County Board of Commissioners

William R Brown
William R Brown, President

absent

Loren Hytton

Scott Ayres
Scott Ayres

Attest: Beth L. Myers
Beth L Myers, Carroll County Auditor