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Present: President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner. Absent: None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

[9:05:41 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDINGS OF PROCEEDINGS**

[9:05:44 AM](#)

Christopher R. Modranski, Assistant Clerk I, 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**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to approve the summary of the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, May 7, 2015 and electronic recording of the proceedings.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
EXPENSES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to approve the following expenses:

1. Kate Offenberger, Director, and Deb Knight, Assistant Director, DJFS to attend Area 16 – WIB in Cadiz, Ohio on May 15, 2015 with no expenses;
2. Kate Offenberger, Director, DJFS to attend Case Management & Employment Workgroup in Columbus, Ohio on May 19, 2015 with expenses not to exceed \$15.00;
3. Lorrie Cline, Eligibility Referral Supervisor, DJFS, to attend C-8 Meeting in Mt. Glead, Ohio on May 12, 2015 with expenses not to exceed \$100.00;
4. Glenn Enslin, Director and Tait Carter, Assistant Director, Economic Development, to attend an Economic Development Administration meeting in Zanesville, Ohio on May 13, 2015 with expenses not to exceed \$80.00.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE**

[9:06:18 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler questioned if everyone on the Board would be in attendance today. Everyone replied yes.

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

[9:06:43 AM](#)

Kenny Ohler, Dog Warden, filed his report for the week of May 4 through May 9, 2015 showing 10 dogs impounded, 5 adopted out, 1 redeemed, 0 euthanized, 4 citation(s) for no license, and 0 citation(s) for running at large.

**IN THE MATTER OF
RELEASE 100% PERFORMANCE BOND
BRIDGE NUMBER UNI-T354-1945**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to release the 100% Performance Bond with Ohio Bridge Corporation/U.S. Bridge Division for the Bridge Number UNI-T354-1945 Replacement Project due to the project being completed satisfactorily as recommended by Brian J. Wise, Carroll County Engineer.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to approve permits for the use of the following county highway right of way(s) as recommended by the County Engineer:

1. AEP to remove pole and install span of primary on Frontier pole in Center Township, Chase Road, Section 13;
2. Scott Riddle to have service dropped to meter pole in Rose Township, Clay Road, Section 5.

[9:07:49 AM](#)

The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PROSECUTOR OPINION
OHIO SMALL CITIES CDBG PROGRAM FY14**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to send the Ohio Small Cities CDBG Program FY14 contract by and between the Carroll County Commissioners and Bleckman and Associates to the Prosecutor requesting his review for form and function.

[9:08:15 AM](#)

The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT**

CCAO WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN AGREEMENT/U-153 FORM

[9:08:48 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler advised the County's 2015 estimated individual premium was \$215,862.00 with estimated savings of \$25,592.00 totaling a standard premium of \$190,270.00. The 2016 estimated individual premium is \$183,689.00 with estimated savings of \$22,657.00 giving an estimated standard premium of \$161,032.00. This is a savings of \$29,238.00 over 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to approve the Worker's Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement with CCAO and the U-153 Employer Statement which identifies CompManagement Inc. as the Third Party Administrator and representative for the County.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL
CARROLL GOLDEN AGE RETREAT**

[9:09:44 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler advised that Ms. Ollie Scott, CGAR Superintendent, filed her report for the month of April 2015 showing 8 male and 34 female residents. A copy is on file in the Commissioners' office.

**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT - TERMINATION
DIGITAL WORKS**

[9:10:57 AM](#)

Commissioner Jeffrey Ohler entertained a motion to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding with Digital Works dated August 22, 2013 as the company has not fulfilled its obligations under the agreement. Digital Works will vacate the premises located at 11 E. Main Street on or before the end of the MOU term, being September 3, 2015.

Commissioner Wirkner asked if the Board has an updated number of jobs created since the last meeting. Commissioner Ohler advised he does not have the current numbers. Commissioner Wirkner advised he would like to see the numbers before voting to terminate the contract. It was agreed to not move forward until current job numbers are available.

**IN THE MATTER OF
ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to establish the following new fund and no approval is necessary from the State Auditor:

1. T002 Technology Grant Fund

[9:11:22 AM](#)

The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
AGREEMENT
LOVELESS EXTERMINATING**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to approve a Pest Control Service Agreement with Loveless Exterminating for an additional premises with quarterly inspections of the Carroll County Child Support Enforcement Agency in the amount of \$80.00/quarter.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC HEARING – SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

[9:11:49 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler advised the Carroll County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on modifications to the Carroll County Subdivision Regulations on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the Carroll County Commissioners' meeting room, Carroll County Courthouse, 119 S. Lisbon Street, Suite 201, Carrollton, Ohio.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to approve bills submitted for payment and to authorize the County Auditor to issue her warrant on the county Treasury for payment of same.

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The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
PAYMENT OF BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION:
REVISED CODE 5705.41**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to approve payment of the following for materials or services purchased without a proper purchase order and certification and the Auditor is authorized to issue her warrant for payment of same:

COUNTY: Ryan Shanower, \$9,099.00; Berry Family Memorials, \$450.00; Carroll County Treasurer, \$591.00; Ohio Secure Shred, \$148.00.

[9:12:54 AM](#)

The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BUDGET 2016
CLERK OF COURTS**

[9:13:20 AM](#)

Bill Wohlwend, Clerk of Courts, appeared before the Board to express his concern in regards to the budget for 2016. Mr. Wohlwend advised that for approximately the past eight years his department has paid for an employee 35% of the time in the legal office from his title office funds and advised that was done primarily to assist past Commissioners with their tight budget. Mr. Wohlwend advised what he is asking for now is that 100% of his legal salary be reinstated in 2016's budget. Commissioner Wirkner asked if Mr. Wohlwend could provide the Board with some cost figures. Mr. Wohlwend advised approximately \$15,000 and this is the request that he will submit to the Auditor for the budget preparation. Mr. Wohlwend advised this is a balancing of the books. Mr. Wohlwend advised that he predicts the need for an additional employee in five or six years.

**IN THE MATTER OF
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE
DOG POUND GUARDRAIL**

[9:17:27 AM](#)

Commissioner White advised he and Ed Eick are still working on the guardrail project at the County Dog Pound.

**IN THE MATTER OF
TEMPORARY RECESS**

A motion was made by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, seconded by Commissioner Thomas R White, to temporarily recess at [9:18:52 AM](#). The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** Vice President Robert E Wirkner, Commissioner Thomas R White and President Jeffrey L Ohler **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Board members reconvened at [10:04:09 AM](#)

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

[10:04:41 AM](#)

Commissioner Ohler advised January, 2012 is when the agreement was made for the Board to take ownership of Atwood Lake Resort and Golf Club (Lodge) and the Board has had recent discussions with Radius Hospitality. Commissioner Ohler advised that Radius is still very enthusiastic about the venture and the County received some revenue from Radius last year. Commissioner Ohler advised the Board approved reinvesting those funds into the Lodge account rather than depositing it into the County's General Fund. Commissioner Ohler advised the Board has spent approximately \$2 million in capital projects and has received another \$2 million from a new oil and gas lease. Commissioner Ohler advised there are a few minor projects planned with the monies but nothing major at this immediate time. Commissioner Ohler advised that the infrastructure to the building is older and the hope is to get a couple more years out of them. Commissioner Ohler advised he asked Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to the meeting today because there are some issues that need to be dealt with. Commissioner Ohler advised there are some threshold dates within the original agreement that have not been met as of yet. Commissioner Ohler advised the Board was hoping that by this point there would be an oil and gas well somewhere on the Lodge property which would generate enough royalties to develop the golf course. Commissioner Ohler advised since that hasn't yet happened the Board has not been financially stable enough to develop the golf course. Commissioner Ohler advised he would like to see an amendment to the agreement since the Board is currently in violation because the golf course has not yet been developed. Commissioner Ohler advised that the Board is also considering transferring the Lodge to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) which would allow for an extended term to whoever leases the property. Commissioner Ohler advised the details are still being investigated if the Board can transfer ownership to CIC. Commissioner Ohler asked to hear all the concerns that MWCD has. John Hoopingarner, Executive Director, commended the Board of Commissioners and Radius Hospitality on the job they have done on reopening the Lodge and keeping it a place people can enjoy. Mr. Hoopingarner advised that the donation agreement had some conditions that needed to be followed in which the opening of the golf course was one. The MWCD Board has been advised of the issues the Board of Commissioners has faced and MWCD has been tolerant of those issues and feels that MWCD can continue to work with the County. Mr. Hoopingarner advised what he would like to see and present the Board of Directors is how the Commissioners would like the agreement to be amended to get the agreement out of violation. Commissioner Ohler expressed that the Board still wants to do the golf course but needs to be sure it is the right thing to do. Commissioner Ohler advised this project needs to be self sustaining. Commissioners discussed long term infrastructure needs to the property and funding availability. Mr. Hoopingarner expressed the need for the County to hire an expert to determine how to make the investments profitable. Mr. Hoopingarner advised he is not sure that a golf course is what is going to make the Lodge successful. David Parham, Board of Directors Member, MWCD, advised the Board of Directors for MWCD is very sensitive to the golf course issue. Commissioner Ohler advised he has some concerns that approximately 50% of the revenue stream is from the oil and gas trade and stated that the Lodge needs to be self sustaining without the oil and gas trade. Commissioner Wirkner advised his expectations of this meeting today is to communicate to the MWCD Board of Directors that the Board of Commissioners does not have the money to invest in a golf course and at this point does not see how it can get the funds to invest. Commissioner Wirkner advised that is a problem because we have a contract stating that the Board of Commissioners needs to invest and open a golf course. Glenn Enslin, Economic Development Director, advised that the Board should put some value in their decisions on the number of Carroll County residents that work at Atwood since it has reopened and the amount of money they have put back into our economy. Mr. Enslin advised it was part of the lease with Radius Hospitality that the majority of their new hires are County residents. Commissioner Ohler advised we need to plan a work session with MWCD, Radius Hospitality and the Board of Commissioners and start having discussions about a consultant. Commissioner Ohler advised that when the Board decided to make this decision to become owners they made a commitment not to use any General Fund money and still feels that way today. Commissioner Ohler advised he felt this was a meeting that the Board needed to have. Commissioner Wirkner advised he is concerned that the golf course may not be the best place to invest future funds. Also present for the discussion were Nick Lautzenheiser, Development Coordinator, MWCD and Tait Carter, Assistant Director, Carroll County Economic Development.

**IN THE MATTER OF
TEMPORARY RECESS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to temporarily recess at [11:42:41 AM](#)
The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Board members reconvened at [1:41:17 PM](#)

**IN THE MATTER OF
REPRESENTATIVE ANDY THOMPSON**

[1:41:22 PM](#)

Andy Thompson, Representative for the 95th District, Ohio House of Representatives, appeared before the Board to discuss tax policy. Representative Thompson advised the House is currently in the budget process. Representative Thompson advised he is chairing a subcommittee that is dealing with issues related to ODNR, Ohio EPA, Agriculture Department and a lot of other various departments from commerce. Representative Thompson advised his duties as chairman was to run the committee and look at the budget, scrutinize and suggest changes. Representative Thompson advised as the Representative with more oil and gas activity in his district than any other representative these are issues that concerned him a lot. Representative Thompson advised he spoke with other commissioners in the past and shared with them that he was not in favor of raising the severance tax for a variety of reasons such as the way it impacts property owners and exploration allowing for competition with other states. Representative Thompson introduced Chris Ventura, Executive Director, Consumer Energy Alliance – Midwest Region, who discussed the oil and gas industry and the proposed severance tax. Mr. Ventura explained that it is important for the oil and gas industry to set roots in our state and explained that the severance tax will not help that to be accomplished. Representative Thompson discussed the impact that the oil and gas industry has had on the area. Commissioner Wirkner asked if there are hearings taking place this week. Representative Thompson advised there are hearings taking place on the Senate side and the advocates against the severance tax are showing up in droves. Representative Thompson advised the cost of oil and gas wells in Ohio is about \$8-12 million compared to Texas at \$3-5 dollars which gives an idea of the cost of doing business in Ohio. Representative Thompson advised the big picture ultimately is making sure that consumers benefit from lower prices. We all use energy and therefore can benefit from reasonably low-cost, reliable energy because it is the greatest igniter of economic opportunity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas R White, seconded by Vice President Robert E Wirkner, to adjourn at [2:28:11 PM](#)
The motion carried on the following vote: **YEA:** President Jeffrey L Ohler, Commissioner Thomas R White and Vice President Robert E Wirkner **NEY:** None **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None.

Carroll County Commissioners

/s/ Christopher R. Modranski
Christopher R. Modranski, Assistant Clerk I
(PREPARED BY)

/s/ Jeffrey L Ohler PRESIDENT
Jeffrey L Ohler
/s/ Robert E Wirkner
Robert E Wirkner
/s/ Thomas R White
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/s/ Jeffrey L Ohler PRESIDENT
Jeffrey L Ohler

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.
/s/ Janice E. Leggett
Janice E. Leggett, Clerk Supervisor