

County of Carroll
Commissioner's Meeting
Carroll County Administration Building
November 22, 2021

Present: Chairman Terry McCarthy, Vice-Chairman Matthew Plache, Clerk Kimberly Tessari, CFO Bonnie Batchelder, Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans, MVC Administrator Dee Brown, MVC Finance Director Paula Coates, Ed Comeau (GovernmentOversite.com)

Called to order 10:00 a.m.

Non-Public Session

MOTION: **“To enter into non-public session under 91-A:3, II (c)”** by Comm’r Tessari, 2nd Chmn. McCarthy. Passed on a roll call vote 2-0.

The board reconvened the public meeting and voted to seal the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

None

Media Questions

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Hold approval of the November 18 meeting minutes until December 2 meeting.

2022 Budget Review & Approval

The board conducted a line-by-line review of the proposed 2022 budget.

MOTION: **“To set the non-union merit pay at 50 cents per hour”** by Comm’r Plache, 2nd Chmn. McCarthy. Passed 2-0 (This motion was later rescinded in a 3-0 vote)

MOTION: **“To set the non-union merit pay at up to 75 cents per hour”** by Comm’r Plache, 2nd Chmn. McCarthy. Passed 3-0

The General Fund Balance is \$7,795,322 at as noted in 2020 audit with \$7,346,182 unassigned (not committed for reserves, inventory, etc.). CFO Batchelder cautioned against using this “surplus” to buy down the tax rate.

MOTION: **“The 2022 Carroll County expense budget is proposed at \$35,392,115 and anticipated revenue at \$35,392,115”** by Comm’r Plache, 2nd Chmn. McCarthy. Passed 2-0

The proposed budget uses \$2,423,102 of surplus to reduce the tax rate and results in \$18,862,505 to be raised from taxes (6.9% increase from 2021).

Adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____ December 2, 2021 _____

Terry McCarthy, Chairman

Matthew Plache, Vice-Chairman

Kimberly Tessari, Clerk