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Carroll County Illinois Yearbook



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Dear Carroll County Resident,

All of us who pay real estate taxes, rent houses or apartments, shop or eat in Carroll County help support our county government. As residents, it's important to know what services are available to you from the county and how you can take advantage of those services.

The various departments and services they provide, within the Carroll County government, are briefly described in this book. A list of the names of elected and appointed officials responsible for providing those services is also included.

Please use this booklet as a way to become more familiar with your county government, its officials and what it can offer you.

The County Clerk's office stands ready to provide any additional information you may require. Please feel free to give me a call or stop by my office at the Carroll County courthouse in Mt. Carroll if I can supply you with more copies of this booklet or if I can be of service to you in any way.

Regards,

Amy R. Buss

Carroll County Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorders Staff

Kendra Strauch, Linda Kessler and Jane Adolph

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Carroll County Courthouse Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Carroll County Government Offices:

Animal Control.....	(815) 244-9705	Emergency Services and Disaster	(815)499-4542
Associate Judge.....	(815) 244-0272	GIS Department	(815) 244-0254
Circuit Clerk.....	(815) 244-0230	Probation Department.....	(815) 244-0249
Circuit Judge	(815) 244-0272	Public Defender	(815) 244-0281
Coroner	(815) 273-2264	Sheriff.....	(815) 244-9171
County Administrator.....	(815) 244-0228	State's Attorney	(815) 244-0290
County Board Chairman.....	(815) 244-0228	Supervisor of Assessments.....	(815) 244-0237
County Clerk	(815) 244-0221	Superintendent of Highways.....	(815) 244-3195
County Recorder	(815) 244-0223	Superintendent of Schools	(815) 947-3810
Courthouse	(815) 244-9171	Treasurer.....	(815) 244-0243
Court Administrator	(815) 732-1197	Zoning Officer	(815) 244-0284
Court Reporter.....	(815) 244-0272		

Carroll County Officers:

Animal Control.....	Joe Grim
Associate Judge	Scott L. Brinkmeier
Circuit Clerk.....	Patty Hiher
Circuit Judge	J. Jerry Kane
Coroner.....	Matthew Jones
County Administrator	Michael Doty
County Board Chairman.....	Kevin Reibel
County Clerk & Recorder.....	Amy R. Buss
Court Reporter.....	Kerri Dufour
Director of Probation & Juvenile Officer.....	Marcie Arno
Emergency Services & Disaster	Jim Klinefelter
GIS Technician.....	Jeremy Hughes
Adult Probation Officer	Nick Hughes
Probation Officer & Work Release.....	Shanna Bess
Public Defender.....	David Brown
Sheriff.....	Ryan Kloeping
State's Attorney.....	Aaron Kaney
Supervisor of Assessments	Annette Gruhn
Supt. Of Highways	Kevin Vandendooren
Supt. Of Schools.....	Aaron Mercier
Treasurer	Diane Powers
Zoning Officer.....	Jeremy Hughes

Carroll County Board Members

Kevin Reibel, Chair | Joe Payette, Vice-Chair

District 1

Consisting of Freedom Township, Savanna Township, Washington Township and Woodland Township

Kevin Reibel – Republican
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District II

Consisting of Fairhaven Township, Mt. Carroll Township, Salem Township and York Township

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(815) 541-6982 | Email: rpreston4520@yahoo.com or rpreston520@yahoo.com

Robert W. Hartman, Republican
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(815) 535-3901 | Email: bobhartman@plantpioneer.com

District III

Consisting of Cherry Grove/Shannon Township, Elkhorn Grove Township, Rock Creek/Lima Township and Wysox Township

Barbara Anderson - Democrat
31-3 Lake Carroll Blvd., Lanark, IL 61046
(815) 499-5719 | Email: barb61360@gmail.com

Joseph Payette - Republican
P.O. Box 256, Shannon, IL 61078
(815) 864-2879 | Email: jjpcarrollcounty@gmail.com

Keith Vandermyde, Republican
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**All County Board Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the small courtroom of the Courthouse.
*All meeting dates and agendas are posted on the county website: www.carroll-county.net***

Carroll County

Area: 468 Square Miles | Population: 15, 702 (2020)

Carroll County was organized in 1839, and was named for Charles Carroll, a wealthy landowner and politician from Maryland. He was one of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, and incidentally, was the last of the signers to die. The honor of naming the County was bestowed upon Isaac Chambers, the first settler in the County. Since Charles Carroll was one of the political heroes of the day, and since many settlers were originally from Maryland, Mr. Chambers decided to name the County after him.

Savanna was the largest community (and still is) in the County so they wanted very much to have the county seat in their town. During the 1800's it was quite an honor for a town to be voted county seat. So in 1839 there was a vote taken and Savanna won by 41 votes. In the next four years there was much quibbling over boundaries and so forth, and so in 1843 another vote was taken and Mt. Carroll became the County seat and that is how it has remained ever since. The courthouse consists of 66 full time employees, 35 part time employees and 9 board members.

The only public hanging in Carroll County took place on May 16, 1873, in the courtyard of the courthouse in Mt. Carroll. Joseph O'Neil was tried for the murder of a man named Rexford and was sentenced to hang. During this time O'Neil was in prison awaiting the day of his hanging he nearly was successful in escaping. He had removed a cornerstone in the exercise area outside his cell and had dug with his hands and later with a tin cup, and then had hid the dirt under his bed in a pillow case. He was discovered one day before he would have escaped. Many of the townspeople came to witness the hanging.

Carroll County has many waterways and in the 1800's they were used to float timber down to the mills for processing. The land is very rolling and quite pretty.

We can boast one lovely state park in the County. It is Palisades Park, located in Savanna, and the view from the limestone bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River is very picturesque.

The County has two railroads at present - the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Dakota Minnesota Eastern. I was able to find an account of a train robbery in 1902. The train was heading north out of Savanna and was flagged down by a man with a lantern. When the Conductor saw that the switch was partly open he realized the train was about to be robbed. Three masked men took the crew captive and blew open the safe. They escaped with the money and sent the train on its way so as to confuse the people who would be in pursuit. One of the robbers was injured in the fight and was killed (shot) by one of the other robbers because he was unable to travel. The other two men got in a boat and headed for Iowa where they hid the loot and went on. They were later captured and confessed.

At the present time there are three school districts in the county. There are several homes for the aged. Although this may seem like a strange fact, Carroll County has only one stop light located in Savanna.

County Clerk and Recorder

P.O. Box 152, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
County Clerk: (815) 255-0221 | County Recorder: (815) 244-0223 | Email: ccclerk1@carroll-county.net
Amy R. Buss, County Clerk and Recorder
Deputy Clerks: Kendra Strauch, Linda Kessler and Jane Adolph

The County Clerk's office has five major functions: (1) Tax extender for computing tax rates and the redemption of delinquent taxes; (2) Chief election officer for the county; (3) Keeper of the county records; and (4) Clerk of the County Board; (5) Record all property transactions.

By law, the County Clerk also files the commissions for notaries public, files assumed names for businesses, issues Marriage and Civil Union licenses and files campaign disclosure statements and statement of economic interest.

The County Clerk administers elections of national, state and county officials within Carroll County. There are currently 22 precincts with 10,647 registered voters under the jurisdiction of the County Clerk. The Clerk also administers all elections for schools, parks, townships, and other special districts under his jurisdiction.

The County Clerk computes the tax rates of the various units of government based on the amount of assessed value within the district. Taxes are set by dividing the levy (taxes requested by district) by the assessed valuation (rate = levy/assessed value.) From these rates, individual tax bills are prepared.

The County Clerk prepares all claims and reports from each county office to be approved by the County Board. She monitors all licenses and permits as provided by County Board ordinance.

The County Clerk pays all county bills as approved by the County Board, and is the supervisor of the County Clerk's fee fund.

The County Clerk administers all oaths of office and maintains bonds of elected and appointed officials.

The County Clerk's office provides for the legal registration of voters and the maintenance of the voting record. She supervises and provides training for election judges and is responsible for monitoring and supervising all deputy voting registrars, including training seminars.

The County Clerk offers a service for veterans known as Honor Rewards where veterans can sign-up online or in the County Clerk's Office to receive an Honor Reward card, which qualifies them for discounts and incentives at participating businesses in our community.

The Recorder's office maintains the index and records of all property transactions. All real estate documents, corporation papers, city and village ordinances and other miscellaneous documents, together with all servicemen's separation and discharge papers, are recorded. The original document is returned to the individual presenting it for recording.

Mechanics' liens and notices of tax liens, both federal and state, are filed, and the original is retained in a permanent file in the office. Financing statements, indicating liens on chattel property and termination statements thereof, are also filed.

Each document is assigned an official document number at the time it is presented for record and is entered in the proper entry book and indexes for quick reference to record retrieval.

The Illinois Real Estate Transfer Act is administered through the Recorder's office. Revenue stamps are purchased by the Recorder for the state, and, in turn, sold to the individual and affixed to the deeds by the Recorder.

In Carroll County, the Recorder also maintains a tract index of real estate transactions, which indicates the title to the property and any mortgages or liens against it. The chain of title may be traced back to the original government grant in these indexes.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

301 N. Main, P.O. Box 32 | Mt. Carroll IL 61053
(815) 244-0230 | Email: phiher@carroll-county.net
Patricia Hiher, Circuit Clerk
Deputy Clerks: Bridget O'Neil and Rebecca Strojahann

The office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Circuit files all cases that come before the Carroll County Circuit Court. The documents filed and maintained in the Circuit Clerk's office are wills, probates, small claims, orders of protection, tax cases, family cases, criminal misdemeanors & criminal felonies, juvenile, and chancery cases, guardianships, divorces, law cases, adoptions, traffic cases, and all civil and criminal cases.

All child support payments and assistance to child support recipients and payers are recorded in the office of the Circuit Clerk. Child support is processed through the SDU and we receive disbursements annually in excess of one million dollars.

All cases that are heard in the Circuit Court in Carroll County and are appealed to the appellate level are prepared electronically and sent by the Circuit Clerk's office to the Appellate Court in Elgin, Illinois.

Jury selection is handled in the Circuit Clerk's office when a jury demand is made. Jury selection is made up of a list of randomly selected names provided to the Clerk's office from the administrative office of the Illinois Courts from driver's licenses, state identification cards, and voter's registration. Selection is made electronically in the office of the Circuit Clerk by computer, producing a random nonpartisan list of jurors to serve at time of trial.

State mandated e-filing began on civil matters 7/1/2018. We have a resource room available for e-filing with remote assistance available and you have the option to pay court fees on line at www.courtmoney.com. To access forms go to illinoiscourts.gov. To access all court information via the internet go to www.Judici.com.

County Board

P.O. Box 152 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

Carroll County operates under the Township form of government. The governing body is the County Board. The County Board's primary function is to establish the various budgets of the County funds and to levy taxes for County purposes. Also, the Board adopts all ordinances and rules pertaining to the management and business of the County departments.

Carroll County is comprised of three county board districts.

The Board meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month in the County Board Room (small courtroom) of the Carroll County Courthouse. A special meeting may be called at any time upon submission to the County Clerk of a petition signed by at least one third of the members. Only such business may be transacted at the special meeting as has been stated in the notice of the special meeting called.

The Chairman also makes appointments of various boards and commissions, with the concurrence of the Board. Following the general election, the members of the County Board elect its chairman. The chairman also serves as the County's Liquor Control Commissioner. His/her authority and jurisdiction extends only to that area of the County which lies outside the corporate limits of the cities, villages and unincorporated towns. Under no circumstances does his/her authority extend to any area where the people of any local political subdivision have voted to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors in accordance with the terms and provisions of the state law governing the same.

Chapter 20

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COUNTY BOARD

Section 20-1 Statement of Purpose

It is the intention of the Carroll County Board (Board) in adopting these rules to expedite the Board's business, to ensure fairness, and to protect the rights of all County Board Members (Members). The rules should assure common sense, courtesy and fairness.

Section 20-2 Board Meeting Order of Business

The first orders of business for regular and special meetings of the board shall be as follows:

Invocation (Optional).

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Members.

Business Portion of the meeting as placed for discussion or action by the Board.

General Public Comment (items not on the agenda).

Adjournment.

Section 20-3 Maintenance of Order and Use of Robert's Rules of Order

The Chair may conduct meetings informally and at the Chair's discretion may invoke Robert's Rules of Order (Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Scott Foresman Ed) when deemed necessary for the maintenance of order and the conduct of the business by the Board.

Section 20-4 Call to Order

The Board meeting shall be called to order promptly at the scheduled date and time as set by the Board each year.

Section 20-5 Quorum

A quorum shall be a simple majority of the Members of the Board and is required to convene a meeting of the Board.

Section 20-6 Succession

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair and where a quorum of the Board is present, nominations for a Temporary Chair for the meeting will take place. The County Clerk will open the meeting and preside over the meeting through the nominations of the Temporary Chair's position. In the event of the County Clerk's absence any other elected or appointed official of the County may preside. After the Temporary Chair has been chosen, the meeting will be handed over to the newly appointed Temporary Chair. Once elected the Temporary Chair will have all the responsibilities of the Chair for the remainder of the meeting or until the Chair or Vice-Chair arrives at the meeting.

Section 20-7 Public Notice and Agendas

All meetings will follow section 5 ILCS 120 of the state statutes regarding the Open Meetings Act. At the beginning of the fiscal year the Board or Committee will give notice of dates, times and location of all regularly scheduled meetings to the County Clerk and shall be posted in the Courthouse.

Notice for all meetings will also be given in the form of an agenda released to all local news media with general circulation within Carroll County with at least 48 hour notice except in cases provided by the above state statute. In addition, agendas will be posted in the Courthouse and on the County's web site at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Agendas will include meeting title (i.e. County Board, Committee, etc...), date, time, location and all items to be discussed.

The Board by a simple majority vote may approve an amendment of the agenda to include business for discussion only. Business not included in the agenda as approved shall not be acted upon until the next meeting of the Board except in the event of a bona fide emergency as prescribed by state statute.

Section 20-8 Minutes

The County Clerk, or representative of the County Clerk, will produce all minutes of the Board meetings. All minutes will be approved by the Board. Board Committee meeting minutes will be prepared by the committee and provided to the Board for approval. All minutes will be housed for public viewing by the County Clerk's office and posted for one year on the County's web site.

Section 20-9 Public Comment

Public comment will be allowed prior to adjournment for business not on the agenda. Public comment will also be allowed during the business portion of the meeting for comments related to agenda items and will follow the same guidelines. Prior to addressing the Board, individuals will state their name, address and any organization they represent. Individuals will be given 3 minutes to address the Board.

If a particular subject has brought numerous individuals to address the Board, the Chair may ask that they keep their comments to new aspects of the topic and that they do not repeat previous comments. This will allow for everyone to be heard.

The Chair may invoke other restrictions deemed necessary to conduct an efficient and fair meeting.

Section 20-10 Addressing the Chair

Every Member shall address the Chair before speaking on an issue. The Chair shall determine who shall speak first if two or more Members address the Chair at the same time.

Section 20-11 Every Member to Vote

Every Member present on the putting of a question shall vote thereon, except when personal interest is involved or excused by the Chair. A conflict of interest shall be stated for the record. The Member shall notify the Chair prior to debate of the question. This same procedure shall be followed for committee meetings.

Section 20-12 Presenting a Motion

No motion shall be debated until there is a second. A motion shall be restated or be reduced to writing if required by the Chair or any Member. Motions in committees do not require a second to begin debate or to take a vote.

Section 20-13 Withdrawing a Motion

After a motion is stated by the Chair it may be withdrawn by the mover and consent of the second at any time previous to a vote thereon.

Section 20-14 Amending a Motion

During debate of a motion, an amendment may be presented which will require a second. Prior to further debate on the original motion, the amended motion will be debated by the Board. Following debate, the Chair will call for a vote on the amendment. If passed by a simple majority, the motion is modified to reflect the amendment. If the amendment vote fails than the original motion stands. Debate will then continue on the original motion.

Section 20-15 Roll Call Voting

A roll call vote by random selection of Ayes and Nays shall be taken upon the demand of a single Member and on all motions involving County Funds. In any instance of a roll call vote, the minutes shall reflect the vote of each member.

Section 20-16 Executive Session or Closed Meetings

Executive or closed sessions of the Board and of all committees and subcommittees of the Board shall only be conducted as prescribed by federal or state law. A meeting or a portion thereof may be closed upon a majority roll call vote of Members present. Separate minutes shall be kept of closed meetings.

Section 20-17 Organizational Meeting

An Organizational meeting will be held on the first Monday of December of each even numbered year. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Board Chair, Vice-Chair and to set regularly scheduled meetings of the Board. The County Clerk will open the meeting and preside over the meeting through the nominations of the Chair's position. In the event of the County Clerk's absence any other elected or appointed official of the County may preside. After the Chair has been chosen, the meeting will be handed over to the newly appointed Chair. Prior to the meeting any newly elected Member(s) shall take the oath of office as prescribed in state statutes.

Section 20-18 Chair

The Chair shall be responsible for:

1. Presiding over all meetings of the Board with exception to committees or appointed boards.
2. Appointing all members to Board committees with the majority approval of the Board. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of committees.
3. Appointing members of the public boards, commissions and committees as are required by state statute with majority approval of the Board.
4. Presiding over the Board Agenda process. The Chair may cancel one regularly scheduled meeting per month if there are no agenda items that require board action. Any meeting so canceled shall be done in accord with the notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act.
5. Appointing the County Administrator and department heads under the Board and other officials as required by state statute with majority approval of the Board.
6. Performing the duties as Liquor Commissioner.

Section 20-19 Committees

The Chair can appoint a committee as deemed necessary to conduct the thorough deliberation of any topic. The Chair will identify a Committee Chair and the members that constitute the committee with majority approval of the Board. All Committees are subject to the Open Meetings Act unless specifically exempt.

The Chair of the Board, or the Vice-Chair in Chairs absence, shall be an ex-officio member of all Board committees. As an ex-officio member, the Chair presence shall only be counted to establish a quorum when the regular committee members present do not constitute a quorum. The Chair shall only have voting rights similar to the other committee members in two situations:

1. When the Chair is necessary to constitute a quorum of the committee;
or
2. To break a tie vote amongst the regular committee members present.

All committees shall take minutes of their meetings and state their recommendation thereon. The committee shall report their recommendations to the Board for consideration.

Section 20-20 Amendment of the Annual Appropriations Resolution

After adoption of the Annual Appropriations Resolution, amendments to increase appropriations as provided by such resolution shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board Membership.

Section 20-21 Public Bidding

Purchases or leases made with county funds in excess of \$30,000.00 (value of trade-ins to be included in purchase price) which are subject to competitive bidding under state law shall be by sealed bids. All bids which exceed \$30,000.00 shall be reviewed by the Board and vote to accept the bid, even if allowed in the budget.

Purchases and projects under \$30,000 should seek three quotes when possible.

All County contracts/agreements shall require the following documents, a certificate of insurance by the contractor listing the County as additionally insured, a vendor hold harmless agreement, a contractor hold harmless agreement and information on the prevailing wage. These documents shall be delivered to and stored with the County Clerk (for items over \$30,000) or department of origin (for items under \$30,000). The Board/Administrator/Department Head shall review these documents no less than annually to ensure compliance.

Section 20-22 Claims for Service by Members

The Members shall submit a quarterly report for all service and mileage for assigned meetings including dates and times to the County Clerk's Office for delivery to the Board for approval. Although Members are welcome at all committee meetings, they may only claim meetings they are assigned to by the Chair. Claims submitted that are more than one year old will not be accepted by the Board.

Effective December 1, 2022, and pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2, members of the County Board shall be entitled to payment of a per diem (per day) of \$55.00 from County funds as follows:

(a) For attendance at any regular or special meeting of the Board and any committee of the Board to which the Member has been appointed by the Chair; and

(b) For attendance at any regular or special meeting of the committee or agency named below to which the Member has been appointed by the Chair with majority approval of the Board:

One Member liaison to the Emergency Telephone System Board Sec. (410-7 of the county code).

One Member on the Hotel/Motel Tax Board (Sec. 440-7 (b) of the county code).

One Member on the Workforce Development Board

One Member on the Extension Executive Council (505 ILCS 45/7 , from Ch. 5, par. 247).

One Member on the Carroll County Board of Health (55 ILCS 5/5-25012).

One Member, as needed, on the County Grievance Committee.

One Member on the Jo Daviess-Carroll Solid Waste

Agency (Chapter 450 of the County Code).

One Member on the Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D).

One Member on the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (TCEDA).

One Member on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

One Member on the Community Mental Health Board (405 ILCS 20/3a).

Tri-County Opportunities Council.

United County Council of Illinois.

(c) Effective December 1, 2022 attendance to any meeting appointed to by the Chair and approved by the County Board as a liaison or committee member.

(d) Effective December 1, 2022, mileage reimbursement at the approved Internal Revenue Service rate shall only be allowed for approved meetings that require travel outside of Carroll County

County Administrator

301 N. Main St. | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

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Mike Doty, Carroll County Administrator

The Carroll County Administrator's central responsibility is to assist and advise the County Board and its Committees in matters related to County government. These responsibilities include, but not limited to, matters related to financial planning, administration and preparation of County policies, public relations, and strategic planning. The Administrator works with the County Board, Committees, County Departments and the community to enhance the communications and effectiveness of the overall operation of the County. One of the major responsibilities of the County Board is to approve a yearly budget for all of the County's operations; the execution and management of this process is performed by the Administrator. Under the direction of the County Board, the Administrator guides the day-to-day operations of the County Board appointed Departments. The Administrator is also assigned to represent the County in communications with other private agencies, as well as, local, state, and federal offices as they relate to the County activities.

Coroner

309 Chicago Ave. | Savanna, IL 61074
(815) 273-2264
Matthew Jones, Carroll County Coroner

The Coroner's office is responsible to those who have died by determining the cause of death in cases of homicide, accident, suicide, or cases where there was no recent attending physician or where the circumstances surrounding the death are mysterious or unknown.

The Coroner's office is also responsible to the living. By performing death investigations in a thorough and dignified way the Coroner's office is protecting the rights of the deceased person's family and the community as well as the deceased individual. This investigation involves submitting the evidence of death to a coroner's jury so they may determine the manner of death.

To protect all concerned the Coroner's office hopes to detect any foul play or find any existing health concerns or hazardous conditions for the community.

Court Administrator

106 South 5th Street, Suite 306A | Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-1197
LeAnn Brandenburg, Court Administrator

She is responsible for the administrative operations of the Circuit Court of the 15th Judicial Court, comprised of the counties of Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson.

Court Reporter

301 N. Main St | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0272 | Email: khdu4pr@gmail.com
Kerri Dufour, Carroll County Court Reporter

The official Court Reporter is responsible for reporting by the use of any system of manual or mechanical shorthand writing of court proceedings as directed by the Chief Circuit Judge.

The Official Court Reporter is licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

The Circuit Court

P.O. Box 211 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0272
J. Jerry Kane, Circuit Judge | Scott L. Brinkmeier, Associate Judge

The Circuit Court of Carroll County is a part of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit which also includes the Circuit Courts of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Ogle and Lee counties. Judges from the Circuit Court of Carroll County may hold court throughout the circuit as assigned by the Chief Judge of the Circuit.

The Circuit Court can decide, with few exceptions, any kind of case arising under state law. The exceptions are redistricting of the General Assembly and the ability of the Governor to serve or resume office. The Circuit Court also shares jurisdiction with the Illinois Supreme Court to hear cases relating to revenue, mandamus, prohibition and habeas corpus.

There are two kinds of judges in the Circuit Court: circuit judges and associate judges. Circuit judges are elected for six years, may be retained by voters for additional six-year terms, and can hear any kind of case. Associate judges are appointed by circuit judges for four-year terms. An associate judge can hear any case, except criminal cases punishable by a prison term of one year or more, unless the associate judge has received approval from the Supreme Court to hear those cases.

Carroll County Health Department

822 S. Mill Street | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-8855 | Fax (815) 244-5010 | Email:dhollandcchd@grics.net | Website: www.ccphd.org
Craig Beintema, Administrator

Carroll County Health Department offers services that reach throughout the community. We offer programs for hand washing, cover your cough and poison control as well as American Heath Association CPR/ 1st aide classes to groups or organizations. We actively contribute to promoting healthy lifestyles through our community partnerships by offering cholesterol and lipid profile screenings, blood pressure checks and adult and childhood vaccines at a reduced fee for preventing disease related illness. The department screens, investigates, and provides referrals as needed for clients who may have been exposed to tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/aids and if needed some treatment options are offered. The department is responsible for investigating disease outbreaks and providing guidance to schools and other facilities during an outbreak. We are engaged in federally funded nutrition education and supplemental program for women, infants and children (WIC). Case management program offers support to families to assist them with continuity of appropriate medical and specialized care to assure every child gets the appropriate medical care they require. Environmental health conducts inspections of water, wells, food and beverage establishments and private sewage disposal along with West Nile surveillance. The department works to maintain the integrity of the environment and protect our natural resources from being contaminated with natural or manmade wastes. The Health Department also pays an active role in Emergency Preparedness for the County in conjunction with the County Emergency Coordinator. For more information, please contact the office.

Carroll County Highway Department

10735 Mill Road | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-3195 | Fax: (815) 244-3197 | E-mail: coengr@carroll-county.net
Kevin Vandendooren, County Engineer

The Carroll County Highway Department maintains 121 miles of roads and 20 bridges within the county. There are six full time employees and the County Engineer. The Highway Department administers six funds plus state and federal funding.

Mileage:

Cherry Grove-Shannon Township	72.43
Elkhorn Grove Township	32.44
Fairhaven Township	50.70
Freedom Township.....	35.26
Mount Carroll Township	45.16
Rock Creek-Lima Township.....	66.69
Salem Township.....	34.60
Savanna Township.....	13.57
Washington Township.....	19.36
Woodland Township	33.08
Wysox Township.....	48.10
York Township.....	53.89

Emergency Services and Disaster Agencies

301 N. Main St. | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
Office: (815) 864-2142 | Cell: (815) 761-6202 | Fax: (815) 864-2284 | Email: jklinefelter@carroll-county.net
Jim Klinefelter, Director

The Coordinator of the County ESDA shall be appointed by the chairman of the County Board and shall serve until removed by same. The Coordinator shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, training and operation of the ESDA, subject to the direction and control of the chairman of the County Board as provided by statute.

GIS Department

P.O. Box 227 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0254 | Fax: (815) 244-1046 | Email: mapping@carroll-county.net
Jeremy Hughes, Administrator

The GIS Department is responsible for updating, maintaining, and creating new feature classes in the geographic information system (GIS). There are a variety of feature classes and related databases including digital or parcel boundaries, road center lines, address points, contours, soils and others to be created in the future. The major task of the GIS department is maintaining the parcel data using surveys, deeds, or other detailed legal descriptions because property boundaries and ownership are constantly changing. The GIS department also provides many services such as making custom map printing, digital data licensing, and assisting other County Departments.

Probation Department

301 N. Main St, Suite 224 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0249 | Fax (815) 244-2502 | Email: probation@carroll-county.net
Marcie Arno, Director & Juvenile Probation Officer
Shanna B. Bess, Work Release Director and Probation Officer
Nick Hughes, Adult Probation Officer
Catherine Floming, Office Manager

The Carroll County Probation Department is staffed by four individuals; a director, two probation officers and an office manager.

The office serves both adult and juvenile offenders. The mission of the Probation Department is to promote positive long-term behavioral change utilizing proven methods to increase public safety.

The Probation Department works in close cooperation with the other court offices and is comprised of the following personnel:

Public Defender

301 N. Main St. | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0281
David Brown, Public Defender

The public defender's office is responsible for defending indigent clients, appointed by the court, who are charged with felonies, misdemeanors and traffic offenses.

The office also represents individuals in the juvenile and mental health courts.

The public defender is a lawyer licensed to practice in the state of Illinois.

Regional Superintendent of Schools

Carroll, Jo Daviess & Stephenson Counties
27 S. State Ave, Suite 101 | Freeport, IL 61032
815-599-1408 | Fax (815) 297-9032 | Email: amercier@roe8.com | Web Site: www.roe8.com
Aaron Mercier, Superintendent of Schools

The Regional Office of Education is responsible for providing both supervisory and educational support services to the school districts in Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson counties. The mandated duties are prescribed by state law and rules and the support services are developed to meet the needs of the local school districts. Some of the mandated duties involve the annual inspection of all school buildings for safety, conducting compliance visits to determine whether districts are following state laws, school bus driver training, working with teacher certification, providing teacher in-service and staff development, and being an information resource for everyone.

A variety of services are provided including two alternative schools for disruptive students, a multi-county intake system for special needs children ages birth to three, cooperative vocational programs: Jo Daviess-Carroll Career Tech. Ed. Academy (CTEA) and Eagle Ridge Vocational Delivery System, early childhood programs for preschoolers, and the HSE testing program which graduates about 50 people per year.

Sheriff

301 North Main St. | Mt. Carroll, 61053
(815) 244-2635 | Fax (815) 244-2656 | Email: rklopping@carroll-county.net.
Ryan Klopping, Sheriff

The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the County. The Office of Sheriff dates back in history to old world Europe and was brought to this country by early settlers where it has evolved into a multi-task agency.

The Sheriff's Office is staffed by 34 personnel that investigate complaints of criminal activity, operate a county jail, provide emergency 9-1-1 dispatch to person in need of assistance, and ensure security of the courts and other offices in the courthouse.

The Sheriff and his staff work closely with other law enforcement agencies in the county to promote a safe place for citizens to live and work.

State's Attorney

P.O. Box 209 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0290 | Fax: (815) 244-2958 | Email: statesattorney@carroll-county.net
Aaron Kaney, State's Attorney
Wendy Major, Victim's Assistant
Kelli Downs, Legal Secretary

The State's Attorney's Office has the duty to provide legal representation to the people of the State of Illinois and the County of Carroll in all criminal and civil proceedings in the Circuit Court of Carroll County in which the people of the state of the County may be interested; to commence and prosecute all actions brought by any County officer in his official capacity; to defend all actions and proceedings brought against the County of any county officer; and generally to enforce dozens of civil laws and all of the criminal laws within the County.

Supervisor of Assessments

P.O. Box 227 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0237 | Fax: (815) 244-1046 | E-mail: soa@carroll-county.net
Annette Gruhn, Supervisor
Deputy Assessors: Patty Hughes, Sandy Davis and Karen Medendorp

The Assessment Office is responsible for the mass appraisal of all real property in Carroll County. At current there are 13,254 parcels in Carroll County. The office also administers the following exemptions: Owner-Occupied, Homestead, Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze, Homestead Improvement, Disability, Churches, Government Bodies and Not-For-Profit organizations are also kept on file. Real Estate sale information is compiled for public use. Staff from the office also contract with the Townships to provide "Township Assessor" duties. Property Record cards are kept up to date with a picture and appraisal information. Maps of those parcels are maintained in the GIS Department.

The Supervisor of Assessments also serves as the Clerk of the Carroll County Board of Review. This three-member board accepts appeals for a 30-day period after publication of the current year assessments. The assessments are published in the newspaper and individual notices are mailed to the property owner.

County Treasurer

P.O. Box 198 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0243 | Fax (815) 244-9181 | Email: cctreasurer@carroll-county.net
Diane Powers, County Treasurer

Prepares all County property and mobile home taxes. Collects the revenue and distributes to 70 different taxing districts.

Invests all County funds under her jurisdiction into interest bearing funds, approximately 70 different accounts.

Handles approximately thirty different funds besides the real estate taxes and mobile home taxes, including county highway funds, township motor fuel funds, county motor fuel funds, bridge aid, inheritance taxes, etc.

Handles the payroll, payroll reports, retirement funds, and the County health insurance.

Issues all W-2's at the end of the year for all County employees.

Serves as Treasurer of the County 5% hotel/motel tax, ESTB "911" board and County Health Dept.

Zoning Officer

P.O. Box 227 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-0284 | E-mail: zoning@carroll-county.net
Director: Jeremy Hughes

It shall be the duty of the chairman of the County acting as the County Zoning Officer, to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance until such time that the County Board determines that a separate department is desirable. At this time, the chairman of the Carroll County Board shall appoint a Zoning Officer, but such an appointment shall require the approval of the majority of the voting Board members. The Zoning Officer may be removed by the County Board after holding a public hearing thereon.

The specific duties of the zoning officer shall include:

- A: Providing zoning information upon request.
- B: Receiving applications for building and occupancy permits, and reviewing such applications to determine if they comply with the ordinance provisions, and issuing or denying permits.
- C: Receiving applications for special use permits, variances and amendments, referring such applications to the appropriate public hearings, and publishing notice of such hearing.
- D: Conducting inspections
- E: Investigating violations.
- F: Keeping the zoning map and text up to date.
- G: Assisting with implementation of planning and development plans and projects

Carroll County Farm Bureau

811 S. Clay St. | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-3001 | Fax (815) 244-3067 | E-mail: carrollcfb@gmail.com | www.carrollcfb.org
Manager: Chas Welch

The Carroll County Farm Bureau is a non-profit organization involving some 2200 members in Carroll County. The Carroll County Farm Bureau works on behalf of its members who are directly involved in the production agriculture as well as non-farm members to provide programs, services and member benefits that are of value relevance. The Farm Bureau represents the interests of its members on many issues including education funding and structure, farm programs, commodity and trade issues, local government and much more. The Farm Bureau can even be recognized as one of the most influential political influences in Washington and Springfield. The Illinois Farm Bureau family also includes COUNTRY Financial as well as Growmark Incorporated. Locally we have four insurance agents in Carroll County as well as Carroll Service representing the Growmark/FS member cooperative.

Officers:

President: Ed Livengood, Milledgeville
Vice -President: Nathan Wiersema, Chadwick
Secretary: Keith Rath, Savanna
Treasurer: Brad Smith, Milledgeville

District Directors:

Leo Gelwicks, Mt. Carroll
Allen Derrer, Lanark
Jon Lower, Lanark
Brad Smith, Milledgeville
Dan Lamoreux, Lanark
Michael Behrens, Mt. Carroll
Ryan Stoner, Lanark
Kara Durwood, Thomson
Jason Vos, Milledgeville

Young Leader's Committee

Chair: Jeremy Flikkema, Mt. Carroll

Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District

807C S. Clay St., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-8732, Ext. 3 | Fax (815) 244-3836 | Email: carrollcoswcd@gmail.com

The purpose of the Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District is to protect and maintain the natural resources of Carroll County and to provide educational opportunities for schools and the public at large.

Directors:

Curt Dambman, Chairman
Tom Block, Vice Chairman
Kris Lauritzen, Secretary-Treasurer
Les Nelson, Director
Richard Siedenbug, Director
Allen Derrer, Associate Director
Ed Juracek, Associate Director
Brian Witt, Associate Director

District Staff

Lori Rice, Administrative Coordinator
Brandon Anderson, Resource Conservationist

Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff

Paul Searl, District Conservationist

Carroll County Senior Services Organization, Inc.

(CCSSO)

17612 E. Benton St, P.O. Box 89. | Mt. Carroll IL 61053

815-244-1800 | Email: director@ccso.net

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Official Publication is *The Senior Grapevine*, published the last week of the month as an insert in the Prairie Advocate News, a free newspaper delivered to every home in Carroll County.

The Senior Center, governed by a 15-member board of directors, provides information, assistance and transportation to the older adult population of Carroll County and offers services in the following ways:

Information about senior issues, health issues, legal issues, medicare, social security, housing, long-term care, meals, etc.

Assistance in filling out forms (Income tax by AARP Volunteers (Feb-April 15), Tax freeze, Circuit Breaker, Etc.)

Instruction in rules of the road and defensive driving course.

Volunteer Opportunities as a clerical aide, working with recyclable materials, etc.

Opportunities to travel, make new friends, attend Cubs games and theater.

Free use of fax or copier and notary services and exercise equipment. Library Books for Sale – 10 cents apiece or three for 25 cents.

Transportation to medical appointments, shopping, meal sites, etc.

Health, the FHN outreach, checks BP and flu shots.

Social gatherings: BINGO first and third Tuesday of each month from 12:30 – 2:30 pm; VETERAN'S COFFEE first Friday of each month at 9:00 am.

Community Room available for rent. For information and rates, please contact Deb Connor, (815) 244-1800.

The organization is funded by Carroll County Senior Taxes, Northwestern Illinois Area Agency On Aging Community Fund, and contributions from municipalities, townships, churches, clubs, organizations, corporations, and the generous citizens of Carroll County.

Officers:

Chairman: Russ Gies, Thomson

(815) 541-4369 | Email: Husker1@centurytel.net

Vice-Chairman: Jane Law, Mt. Carroll

(815) 244-2331

Secretary: Donna Green, Chadwick

(815) 684-5405 | Email: Pugsmom4now@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Clarence "Butch" Hasz, Lanark

(815) 493-9980, home | 815-291-8145, cell | Email: jchasz@mchsi.com

Administration:

Executive Director: Deb Connor

(815) 440-6792 | Email: director@ccsso.net

Assistant Manager: Karen Holm

(815) 499-8361 | Email:

assistant@ccsso.net

Office Assistant: Sandra Aude

(815) 244-9248 | 815-275-9982, cell

Email: Audesandra72@gmail.com

To get complete list of our Board of Directors, contact CCSSO office.

Carroll County Historical Society

The mission of the Carroll County Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share historical artifacts and information relating to the County and its people. The society utilizes its resources, including the Miles Museum and Oakville Complex, its collections and the historical resources of them as a whole, as the catalyst to create personal connections with the past by: collecting, preserving, and documenting the County's historical assets; providing a variety of stimulating programs and initiatives; and encouraging others to actively participate in these endeavors.

Owens P. Miles Museum

107 W. Broadway | Mt. Carroll IL 61053

This 1873 Italianate home depicts life in the 1800's and displays artifacts related to the County. Open most weekdays, call first (815) 244-3474

Oakville Complex

Mt. Carroll IL 61053

Located between IL Rte 78 and IL Rte 40 near Timberlake and 1/4 mile north of Oakville Golf Course. Complex consists of an 1888 schoolhouse, two log cabins, blacksmith shop, and granary. Open for school tours and by appointment: (815) 244-3474.

Riverview Center

822 S. Mill St. | Mt. Carroll IL 61053

Business Line: (815) 244-7704 | 24-hour Domestic Violence line: (815)244-1320

Or Toll free 24 hour Sexual Assault line: 1-888-557-0310

fax: (815)244-2617

Website: www.riverviewcenter.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Riverview Center provides free and confidential services to adult victims/survivors and their children of domestic and sexual violence. These services include: legal and medical advocacy, assistance with orders of protection, individual and group therapy/counseling, emergency shelter, and violence prevention education.

Chadwick Secretary of State Driver Services Facility

236 N. Main St. | Chadwick, IL 61014

(815) 684-5156

The Chadwick Secretary of State Driver Services Facility, located off Route 40 on North Main Street in Chadwick, provides numerous services to the surrounding area. These services range from driver's license and ID card needs, to vehicle work including sticker sales. Voter registration also takes place. Normal hours on Tuesday are 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - noon. The facility is closed on Mondays and holidays.

DHS-Illinois Department of Human Services

DHS Family Community Resource Center in Whiteside County

2605 Woodlawn Rd. | Sterling, IL 61081

815-632-4045 | 815-632-4057

Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), medical assistance, food stamps, and paternity establishment.

CASA-15th Judicial Circuit

Lee/Carroll/Ogle Counties

301 N. Main St., P.O. Box 200 | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

(815) 677-1436

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and monitors citizen volunteers to work with abused and neglected children. Working on one case at a time, the volunteer is appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge to serve as the child's guardian ad litem. The volunteer then reviews records, researches information, and talks to everyone involved in the case. Using this information, the volunteer makes periodic recommendations to the court on what is best for the child.

CASA's focus is on the best interest of the child; the goal is to facilitate the child's placement in a safe, permanent home as soon as possible.

Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority

18933 A Street, Savanna, IL 61074
(815) 273-4371 | Fax (815) 273-4312
E-mail: execdir@lrasavannail.us | Web Site: www.lrasavannail.us
Executive Director: Mara Roche

The Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority, is responsible for redevelopment of nearly 3,000 acres in far northwest Carroll County and southwest Jo Daviess County now known as the Savanna Depot Business, Industry, and Technology Park. The LRA was created in 1997 an agreement between the two counties. Each County is represented on the LRA Board by four members appointed by their respective County Board Chairman. The LRA is federally recognized and legislatively mandated to facilitate and oversee land reuse. The Depot Park was part of the 13,062 acre former Savanna Army Depot Activity.

An estimated 1, 225 acres of the Depot Park are in Carroll County. Among the sites offered by the LRA are 345 acres of contiguous, industrail-zoned property. Amenities include an interchange with the BNSF, an Illinois Enterprise Zone, Foreign Trade Zone and a beautiful rural area between the Great River Road and Mississippi River.

Additional information about the property earmarked for economic redevelopment, current tenants and sites available from the LRA can be found at www.lrasavannail.us. To schedule an appointment to see property and learn about the process for locating a business in the Depot Park, contact execdir@lrasavannail.us.

Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

1122 Healthcare Drive | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-1376 | Fax: (815) 244-3074
24-hour Emergency 1-800-242-7642

Sinnissippi Centers is a behavioral healthcare agency serving residents of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties in 1966. It is nationally recognized agency accredited by the Joint Commission and a recipient of the Gold Seal of Approval. Sinnissippi Centers have been honored by The Joint Commission with the Ernest A Codman Award and by the American Psychiatric Association with the Psychiatric Services Bronze Achievement Award.

It is the mission of Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. to provide quality, coordinated, and responsive behavioral healthcare services to individuals, families, and communities. A full range of services are available to children, adolescents, their families and adults who choose to receive mental health or substance use treatment services from professional, qualified, and dedicated staff. Everyone who comes to Sinnissippi Centers has a clinical assessment to identify their own needs and determine the most appropriate course of treatment. DUI evaluations are available as well.

Appointments at the Mt. Carroll office are available Mondays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday closed from 12 noon till 1 p.m. In addition, Emergency/Crisis after hours evaluations are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-242-7642. Fees at Sinnissippi Centers are set on a sliding scale and based upon a family's household income. Medicare, Medicaid, All Kids, and Private insurance are accepted. If you would like to make a referral or seek assistance for yourself, please contact the Mt. Carroll office at 815-244-1376. For more information about Sinnissippi Centers' services, please visit our website at www.sinnissippi.com.

Rolling Hills Progress Center

201 IL Rt. 64 | Lanark, IL 61046
815-493-2321 | Email: rhpc@rhpcinc.com

The purpose and mission of Rolling Hills Progress Center is to provide employment, education, recreation and social services to individuals with a disability living in Carroll County. Individuals with an intellectual disability are those who are primarily served by the agency.

The primary focus of the agency is to enable individuals to develop employment skills and earn an income in the process. This is accomplished through work on a variety of subcontract jobs which are completed in our two facilities in Lanark. Work typically consists of packaging, sorting, labeling, inspection and assembly. Generally, the work comes from local businesses and industries who partner with our agency.

In order to meet other needs identified by individuals Rolling Hills offers a variety of services and programs to enable the person to live a more independent and satisfying life.

Transportation is provided throughout Carroll County. The agency is open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call or email for more information, to make a referral or to schedule a tour.

Tri-County Opportunities Council

405 Emmons Ave, P.O. Box 610 | Rock Falls, IL 61071
1-800-323-5434 | Website: tcochelps.org
President/CEO: Jill Calkins

The Tri-County Opportunities Council is the Community Action Agency serving the nine Illinois counties of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark and Whiteside. Its purpose is to investigate the frequency, location, character and causes of poverty and to coordinate efforts to prevent, alleviate, and eliminate poverty through cooperation/collaboration with the entire community.

More specifically, the Council's goals are:

To strengthen and enable low-income people to become self sufficient through the attaining of necessary skills, knowledge, motivations, and opportunities as well as improving the conditions in which they live.

To better organize a wide range of services and outcomes related to the needs of low-income people by the utilization of innovative approaches in attacking the causes of poverty including the support of self- help groups and cooperative efforts of low-income people.

To encourage the participation low-income people in the planning, development, and implementation of programs/projects and in the decision-making processes of governmental entities affecting their lives.

To increase the capacity of the agency and its community to achieve results by planning and coordinating federal, state, local and private assistance related to the elimination of poverty through partnerships with public officials, private organizations, business, industry and individuals.

Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission (CCVAC)

17612 E. Benton St. | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
Office: (815) 244-0226 | Fax: (815) 244-6295
Email: office@cc-vac.org | Website: www.cc-vac.org or www.facebook.com/carrollcountyvac

Superintendent / VSO: Wayne Leonard
Administrative Assistant: Douglas Bergren
Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 12 - 4 p.m.

Executive Officers

President: Waldon Lee Gibbs | 815-499-5903 | Email: lmgibbs64@gmail.com
Vice-President: Steve Behrens | 815-244-3554 | Email: stevecharbehrens@yahoo.com
Judge Advocate: Ernie Johnson | 815-864-2067 | Email: ecjohnson1953@gmail.com
Treasurer: Ellis Boughton | 815-238-1137 | Email: ellis.boughton@live.com
Secretary: Shannon Grove | 815-244-0226 | Email: staff@cc-vac.org
SGT-AT-ARMS: Joe Drozd | 815-564-8936 | Email: trainmanjoe@yahoo.com

Operations and Employee Management Committee

Chairman: William L. Hanna | 815-244-0226 | Email: whanna@cc-vac.org

VFW / American Legion Posts Represented by Delegates

Savanna VFW, Lanark / MT Carroll VFW, Savanna American Legion, Thomson American Legion, MT Carroll American Legion, Milledgeville American Legion, Shannon American Legion, Lanark American Legion

The mission of the Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission (CCVAC) is to provide financial assistance to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for the Carroll County Veterans and their families, who have served our country honorably. The CCVAC mission is to also provides non-financial services and seeks to identify Veterans earned VA benefits.

The Veterans Assistance Program is designed to provide needed services to eligible Veterans and their families who, according to written standards adopted and applied consistently by the CCVAC, and governed by Illinois Statutes are in need of meeting basic living expenses and/or advocacy services. The Financial Assistance Program is not public aid, township general assistance, or welfare. It is assistance paid exclusively to honorably discharged military Veterans, their spouses, and dependents. Their military service in the Armed Forces of the United States is gratefully recognized and therefore this financial assistance has been made available by the county.

Advocacy services include representing, and/or working closely with the Veteran, by applying to the proper local, county, state, or federal agencies to procure benefits or local intervention with vendors (landlords, utilities, etc.) to insure the rights and benefits that each Veteran is entitled to by themselves, spouse, or dependents is being upheld.

The CCVAC is staffed with a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) that can represent the Veteran for numerous Veterans Affairs (VA) services including:

Veterans Affairs (Federal)

Military Records & Medals
Health Care Benefits
Community Based Care (Formally Choice Program)
Caregiver Support Resources
VA Billing Issues
Debt Management
Disability Compensation
Pension
Survivor Benefits (aka DIC & Widows Pension)
Burial & Survivor Benefits
Education & Training
Employment Resources
Home Loan Guarantee Certificates
Homeless Services
Housing Referrals
Transportation Referrals
Military Retirement Benefits Information

Veterans Affairs (State, County and Local)

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) Benefits
Hunting, Fishing Licenses
Camping Permits
Veterans Stamp on a Driver's License or ID Card
Honor Flight (Quad Cities)



Animal Control Facility

Joseph Grim, NACA Certified ACO
10735 Mill Road | Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
815-244-9705, office | 815-244-3197, fax
Email: animalcontrol@carroll-county.net

Office Hours: 7 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday (Appointments are necessary)

The Animal Control office maintains the County registration program for dogs, investigates complaints of dogs running at large, picks up stray dogs and investigates complaints of abuse and neglect. All dogs (age 4 months and older) must be vaccinated for rabies and registered with the County in accordance with state statutes and county ordinance.

The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance

793 U.S. Rte 20, P.O. Box 390 | Elizabeth, IL 61028
815-285-2207 | 815-858-3731, fax

TCEDA's mission to significantly enhance economic development progress in Northwest Illinois and beyond as measured ultimately by job creation. TCEDA is a 501 C6 private not for profit corporation that will rely on both public and private sectors for support. The 50 member Board of Directors is composed of every mayor in Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties, and the Whiteside County Towns of Albany, Erie and Fulton; both Jo Daviess and Carroll County Board Chairs, two union representatives for same counties, four Illinois State legislators, and 25+ CEO's of businesses in the Tri-County region.

Carroll County Post Offices

Chadwick 61014

218 N. Main St. | (815) 684-5170
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 8:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M.
Weekends: 8:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.

Savanna 61074

321 Third St | (815) 273-3621
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Weekends: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Lanark 61046

600 W. Olympic Drive | (815) 493-6726
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 8:30 A.M.- 12:30 PM. 1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Weekends: 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Shannon 61078

2 N. Locust | (815) 864-2747
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 8 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 2:00 PM. - 4 P.M.
Weekends: 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

Milledgeville 61051

315 Meyer Ave. | (815) 225-7216
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 8:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Weekends: 9:00 AM. - 11:30 A.M.

Thomson 61285

705 Argo Fay Rt. | (815) 259-3121
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 9:00 A.M. -1 P.M.
Weekends: 9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.

Mt. Carroll 61053

211 N. Clay | (815) 244-3711
Window Hours:
Weekdays: 9:15 AM. – 1:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.
Weekends: 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Cities and Village Officers

Village of Chadwick

P.O. Box 385, Chadwick, IL 61014 | (815) 684-5188
President..... Kimberly Hinrichs
Clerk..... Debra Meiste

City of Lanark

111-A S. Broad St, Lanark, IL 61046 | (815) 493-2431
Mayor..... Ken Viglietta
Clerk..... Marilyn Heller

Village of Milledgeville

P.O. Box 639, Milledgeville, IL 61051 | (815) 225-7231
President..... Galen L. Wirth
Clerk..... Christine A. Ottens

City of Mt. Carroll

302 N. Main, Mt. Carroll IL 61053 | (815) 244-4424
Mayor..... Carl Bates
Clerk..... Lisa Lewis

City of Savanna

333 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL 61074 | (815) 273-2251
Mayor..... Chris Lain
Clerk..... Rhonda Weiss

Village of Shannon

P.O. Box 514, Shannon, IL 61078 | (815) 864-2194
President..... Bonnie Heckman Foust
Clerk..... Denise Bormann

Village of Thomson

P.O. Box 244, Thomson, IL 61285 | (815) 259-3700
President..... Tyler Vandendooren
Clerk..... Jennie Foltz

Carroll County Township Officials

The following abbreviations used stand for:
S-Supervisor, C-Clerk, HC-Highway Commissioner, T-Trustee and A-Assessor.

CHERRY GROVE/SHANNON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month, Township Building, 7:00 p.m. / 8 p.m. during daylight savings time
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Of April (also the April monthly meeting)

S: Darrell Stitzel 26711 IL Route 72, Shannon IL 61078
C: Kristin Derby 105 Highcrest, Shannon IL 61078
HC: Brian Koch 410 W Sunset Ct, Shannon IL 61078
T: Rick Groen 23548 Georgetown Rd, Shannon IL 61078
T: Wilmer Jacobs 502 S. Stanton St, Shannon IL 61078
T: Steven Stoner 15983 Stanton Rd, Shannon IL 61078
T: Duane Janssen 12855 Otter Creek Dr, Lanark IL 61046

ELKHORN GROVE TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, Townhall, 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April at 8:00 P.M.

S: Jennifer Dettman 3280 Sunshine Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051
C: DeAnn Wagenknecht 5425 Hitt Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051
HC: Ray Hutchison 30540 Elkhorn Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051
T: Keith Wagenknecht 5425 Hitt Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051 3280
T: Mark Dettman Sunshine Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051 2594
T: Scott Thorngren Sunshine Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051
T: Charles Faulkner 31192 Elkhorn Rd, Milledgeville IL 61051

FAIRHAVEN TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: Last Monday, Township Building, 7:30 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April, Township Building

S: Janice Queckboerner PO Box 158, Chadwick IL 61014
C: Connie Foster 3680 Hammer Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
HC: Joseph Janssen 3509 Hartman Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: James Daehler 20828 Ideal Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: Steve Ebersole 17602 Ideal Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: Jim Foster 3680 Hartman Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: Dennis Plattenberger 5704 Black Oak Rd, Chadwick IL 61014

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday, Townhall, 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April.

S: Jeremy Flikkema 19261 Townline Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
C: Amy Johnson 15278 Carter Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
HC: Ron Myers 13748 Meyers Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
T: John Jirgenson 27-53 Ridgeview Dr, Lanark IL 61046
T: Zachary Kloster 13459 Meyers Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
T: James Schrader 20275 Townhall Rd, Lanark IL 61046
T: Robert Bradbury 24-57 Saddlewood Ln, Lanark IL 61046

MT. CARROLL TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, Township Building, 7:30 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April, Township Building / Office phone (815) 244-2300

- S: Michelle Moshure 727 E Washington St, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- C: Robert Grimm 208 E Franklin St, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- HC: Jon Neuschwanger 13921 Scenic Palisades Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Vernon Law 12572 Airport Rd, Savanna IL 61074
- T: Ryan Bales 15220 Wacker Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Tina Libberton 11815 US Highway 52, Savanna IL 61074
- T: Kenneth Lego 410 W Cole Ave, Mt. Carroll IL 61053

ROCK CREEK/LIMA TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, Township Building (25123 Locust Rd., Lanark, IL), 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Of April

- S: Dan Sweitzer 29232 Harvest Rd, Lanark IL 61046
- C: Darla Burkholder 622 E Locust Rd, Lanark IL 61046
- HC: Jeff Miller 522 Huggins Ln, Lanark IL 61046
- T: Brian Witt 11461 Center Dr, Lanark IL 61046
- T: Jim Ludwig 24150 Brookville Rd, Lanark IL 61046
- T: Christopher Fink 8744 Maple Grove Rd, Lanark IL 61046
- T: Lonnie Prowant 629 E Locust St, Lanark IL 61046

SALEM TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Timberlake Playhouse
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April

- S: Ellen Rahn 6611 Black Oak Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- C: Kiann Houzenga 18746 Cyclone Ridge Rd, Mt, Carroll IL 61053
- HC: Mint Jilderda 7321 Daggert Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Pam Adolph 21958 Cyclone Ridge Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Cody Carson 11400 Arnolds Grove Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Denise Harridge 17574 Benton St., Mt. Carroll IL 61053
- T: Dale Queckboerner 6225 Beede Rd, Chadwick IL 61014

SAVANNA TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting-2nd Thursday, Township Building, 6:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Of April

- S: Jo A. Carey 2010 Oakton Rd, Savanna IL 61074
- C: Marjorie Jackson 20 N Fourth St, Savanna IL 61074
- HC: Shawn Picolotti 210 Walnut St., Savanna, IL 61074
- T: Ruth Carey 1901 Chicago Ave, Savanna IL 61074
- T: Jeff Law 1819 Lawrence Ave, Savanna IL 61074
- T: Ned Doty 11630 Oakton Rd, Savanna IL 61074
- T: Luella Holmes 10968 Scenic Bluff Rd, Savanna IL 61074

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Monday, Township Garage, 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April

S: Julie Brigham 18500 IL Route 84, Savanna IL 61074
C: Christine McIntyre 20299 IL Route 84, Savanna IL 61074
HC: Dennis Roberts 7131 Camp Creek Rd, Savanna IL 61074
T: Edward Francke 16911 IL Route 84, Savanna IL 61074
T: Donald Shaw 4239 Army Depot Rd, Savanna IL 61074
T: Robert Canier 18280 IL Route 84, Savanna IL 61074
T: Vacant

WOODLAND TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday, Townhall, 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April

S: Dawn Rath 12561 Elizabeth Rd, Savanna IL 61074
C: Keith Rath 12561 Elizabeth Rd, Savanna IL 61074
HC: Kurt Rath 13353 Zion Rd., Elizabeth, IL 61028
T: Heather Caldwell 18456 Scenic Bluff Rd., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
T: James McCarty 12923 Elizabeth Rd, Savanna IL 61074
T: Greg Turnbaugh 15212 Funk Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
T: Alfred Law 13306 Davis Rd., Savanna, IL 61074

WYSOX TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Thursday, Township Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April

S: Steve Bazzell 949 Stover Ave, Milledgeville IL 61051
C: Laurie Byvick 21 LaFayette St, Milledgeville IL 61051
HC: Ben Hayen 530 Hagar Ave, PO Box 697, Milledgeville IL 61051
T: Alan Deets 26197 Fairhaven Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: Greg LeFevre 3916 Prowant Rd, Chadwick IL 61014
T: Steven Smith 4330 Center Dr, Milledgeville IL 61051
T: Nathan Wiersema 26910 Fairhaven Rd, Chadwick IL 61014

YORK TOWNSHIP

Monthly Meeting: 1st Tuesday, Township Building, 6:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of April

S: Edwin Balk 801 Lucas Ave, Thomson IL 61285
C: Todd Gengenbach 4842 Big Cut Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
HC: Marv Eacker 3955 IL Rte. 84, Thomson, IL 61285
T: Ryan Durward 10363 Cedar Ct, Thomson IL 61285
T: Marvin Green 17437 Argo Fay Rt, Mt. Carroll IL 61053
T: Alice Halfman 2527 IL Route 84, Thomson IL 61285
T: Bruce Badtke 5609 Oil Valley School Rd, Mt. Carroll IL 61053

Population of Cities, Townships & Village

2020 Census

Cherry Grove/Shannon Township.....	1,539
(Including Shannon Village)	
Elkhorn Grove.....	197
Fairhaven Township.....	757
(Including Chadwick Village)	
Freedom Township.....	799
Mt. Carroll Township.....	1,963
(Including Mt. Carroll City)	
Rock Creek/Lima Township.....	1,993
(Including Lanark City)	
Salem Township.....	350
Savanna Township.....	3,432
(Including Savanna City)	
Washington Township.....	317
Woodland Township.....	292
Wysox Township.....	1,324
(Including Milledgeville Village)	
York Township.....	2,739
(Including Thomson Village)	

2020 Rate Setting Assessed Valuations

Carroll County396,076,868

Townships:

Cherry Grove/Shannon.....	53,715,442
Elkhorn Grove.....	8,700,355
Fairhaven.....	18,674,446
Freedom.....	104,710,284
Mt. Carroll.....	30,606,579
Rock Creek-Lima.....	39,662,172
Salem.....	17,104,516
Savanna.....	36,874,213
Washington.....	12,250,778
Woodland.....	8,844,023
Wysox.....	26,668,666
York.....	38,265,394

Cities and Villages:

Chadwick.....	5,014,680
Lanark.....	14,076,470
Mt. Carroll.....	14,971,116
Milledgeville.....	8,206,326
Savanna.....	24,748,405
Shannon.....	8,507,090
Thomson.....	7,420,171

Carroll County Fire Departments

All Emergency Calls Use “911”

Chadwick: P.O. Box 58, Chadwick, IL 61014 | (815) 684-5112, Station | Chief: Brad Aude

Lanark: P.O. Box 2, Lanark, IL 61046 | (815) 493-2341, Station | Chief: Randy Witt

Milledgeville: P.O. Box 153, Milledgeville, IL 61051 | (815) 225-7212, Station | Chief: David Folk

Mt. Carroll: P.O. Box 103, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053 | (815) 244-4502, Station | Chief: Marty Hockman

Savanna: 101 Main, Savanna, IL 61074 | (815) 273-2246, Station | Chief: Scott Wolfe

Shannon: P.O. Box 549, Shannon, IL 61078 | (815) 864-2142, Station | Chief: Jim Klinefelter

Thomson: P.O. Box 156, Thomson, IL 61285 | (815) 259-8255, Station | Chief: Tyler Vandendooren

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Suggestions When Writing Your Elected Representative

With thousands of separate pieces of legislation to consider every year, legislators at Springfield and Washington need the opinion, advice and specialized knowledge of their constituents to guide them. It is impossible for any legislator to have a detailed knowledge of the technicalities of every bill on which he must vote. This means that the legislator welcomes your letters, even if you oppose a bill, because you are providing him with knowledge, he needs to make a decision.

How To Write Your State Legislator

Fundamental “Do’s”....

- * Specifically ask for support of your position.
- * Address your legislator properly.
- * Write legibly (handwritten letters are fine if they are readable).
- * Be brief, to the point and discuss only one issue in each letter. Try to identify a bill by number and title.
- * Know the facts. Do not try to influence anyone before you have a thorough understanding of the issue.
- * If possible, give an example of how legislation will affect you personally.
- * Use your own words and your own stationery. If you are writing as an organization, use the organization’s stationery.
- * Include your address and sign your name legibly. If you have any family, business, or political connection in regard to an issue, explain it.
- * Ask the legislator to state his or her position in their reply.
- * Ask your legislator their communication preference (telephone, fax, letter, e-mail).

Write your legislator when they do something of which you approve. Often, legislators hear only from individuals and organizations who are against something. It is refreshing for a legislator to receive something positive instead of something negative all the time.

Fundamental “Don’ts”...

- * Do not send a postcard.
- * Do not sign and send a form letter.
- * Do not begin on a righteous note (“as a citizen and a taxpayer” and/or “as a concerned citizen”). Legislators realize you pay taxes and you are a citizen.
- * Do not apologize for writing and taking their time. If your letter is short and expresses an opinion, they are happy to give it consideration.
- * Do not be rude or threatening.
- * Do not send a copy of your letter to other legislators; write each one individually.

How To Address Letters...

When Writing to a State Senator, State Representative or the Governor
The Honorable John Doe, The Honorable Jane Doe, State Senator Or State Representative Or Governor,
State House Or Stratton Building, Room Number Springfield, IL 62706

When Writing To U.S. Representative Or U.S. Senator
The Honorable John Doe, The Honorable Jane Doe U.S. House Representative Or U.S. Senator
Address, Illinois or Washington, D.C.

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 Wayne Knight (Appt)-Mt. Carroll 2
 Amy Buss-Mt. Carroll 3
 Vacant-Rock Creek/Lima 1
 Vacant-Rock Creek/Lima 2
 Vacant-Salem

Vacant-Savanna 1
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 Vacant-Savanna 3
 Vacant-Savanna 4
 Vacant-Savanna 5
 Vacant-Savanna 6
 Vacant-Washington
 Susan Jacobs (Appt) - Woodland
 Vacant-Wysox 1
 Vacant-Wysox 2
 Vacant-York

Circuit Court Judges and Associate Judges

15th Judicial Court

The Counties of Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson

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J. Jerry Kane	Mt. Carroll
Jacquelyn D. Ackert	Dixon
Kevin L. Ward	Galena
Robert T. Hanson	Oregon
John B. Roe IV	Oregon
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Douglas E. Lee	Dixon

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Matthew T. Klahn	Dixon
John C. Redington	Oregon
David M. Olson	Freeport
John D. Hay	Galena

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 Mary Jane Theis
 P. Scott Neville, Jr.
 Michael J. Burke
 David K. Overstreet
 Robert L. Carter

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Marriage License Information

Where to Apply

Civil Union & Marriage Licenses are issued at the office of the Carroll County Clerk, Carroll County Courthouse, 301 N. Main, Mt. Carroll. Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. It is important to note that a marriage license is only valid in the county in which it is issued.

Age Requirements

In order to be married in Illinois, you must be at least 16 years of age. To obtain a Civil Union Marriage license you must be 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, your parents must sign a parental consent form in the county clerk's office. If it is not possible for your parents to sign the consent in this office, it may be done before the county clerk in your parents' home county. Contact this office for details.

Fees

The fee for a marriage or civil union license is \$40.00.

Procedure

A couple may **not** be married until one day after the license is issued and must be married within 61 days from the date of issuance. Marriage in Illinois may be performed by either a clergyman or a judge. If you plan to be married by a judge, contact the judge's office at (815) 244-0272. Persons wanting to be married by a judge must make arrangements in advance. After the marriage, the person performing the ceremony must return the completed license to the County Clerk's office. If, for any reason, you are not married, it is your responsibility to return the license to the Clerk's office to be filed. Under no circumstances should a license be destroyed after it is issued.

Certified Copy

A copy of your marriage license issued by Carroll County may be obtained from the County Clerk's office. Requests should include the maiden name of the bride, the name of the bridegroom, the date of the marriage and a photo I.D. of either the bride or groom. There is a fee of \$18.00 for the first copy, and \$4.00 For any additional copies. (Additional copies must be purchased at the time as the first copy).

Marriage Certificates-1839 To Present

All requests for vital records must accompany a photo I.D. Fee for certified copies: \$18.00 first copy, \$2.00 each additional copy. Any marriage recorded older than 75 years may be ordered as a Genealogy copy for \$10.00.

Copies of Birth Records - 1877 To Present

Certified copies are available of birth records of persons who were born in Carroll County. Requests should include a photo I.D., and the person's name at birth, the date of birth, the place (town) where the event occurred, and a fee of \$18.00 For first copy, \$4.00 for additional copy. (Additional copies must be purchased at the same time as the first copy.) Any birth record older than 75 years may be purchased as a Genealogy copy for \$10.00. Because of the confidential nature of these records, Illinois statutes provide the copies of birth records may only be obtained by the person himself or herself (if 18 years old), a parent or other legal agent.

Copies Of Death Records

Certified copies are available of death records of persons who died in Carroll County. Requests should include a photo I.D., and the person's name, the date of death, and place of death. A \$22.00 Fee for the first copy, \$6.00 For additional copies. (Additional copies must be purchased at the same time as the first copy.) Any death record older than 20 years may be purchased as a Genealogy copy for \$10.00. Copies of death records may be obtained by a person having a direct personal or property right interest in the record or his duly authorized agent.

Carroll County Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 354

Savanna, IL 61074

Email: genealogytrails.com/ill/carroll

326 Third St., Savanna, IL 61074 | Call (815) 273-3714 for hours

The Lanark Public Library Is Also Equipped For Family Researching.

Lanark Public Library

111 S. Broad St. | Lanark, IL 61046

(815) 493-2166 | E-mail: lanarklib@internetni.com

Social Security

Questions concerning Social Security can be directed to 1-800-772-1213.

Voter Information

Who Is Eligible To Register

To be eligible to register to vote a person must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States,
2. Be 18 years of age or older as of the date of the next election,
3. Reside in the precinct for 30 days

Residence defined: a residence is a permanent abode, a place where a person actually lives (dwells). No one may register from a place of business or office unless he actually lives there as a permanent abode and has no other dwelling place.

Who must register

Those who must register are the following: 1) all persons who have never registered in Carroll County: 2) all person who have changed their names through marriage or otherwise.

Where and when you may register

The office of the County Clerk or with one of the special deputies or your precinct committeemen. Contact the Office of the County Clerk for their locations. Also, you may register at any driver's facility or by going to The Illinois State Board of Election website.

Registration is closed for the 28-day period immediately preceding each primary and general election. Registration opens two days after each election in the office of the election authority.

Change of address

Registered voters who have moved within the county may notify the County Clerk's Office in one of three ways:

1. By filling out the reverse side of their voter registration card and returning it to the election authority.
2. By letter, listing old address and the new address.
3. By filling out an application for transfer of registration which may be obtained at the County Clerk's office or from one of the special deputies or your precinct committeemen.

If you have moved from one address to another within the same precinct, you have 27 days to fill out a change of address card.

An application for change of address, either by card or by letter must bear the signature of the voter and be mailed to the County Clerk's Office.

All changes of address must be received by the county clerk postmarked no later than 27 days prior to any election.

Physically disabled voters

Citizens who are not registered to vote and cannot leave their home, hospital, nursing home or other institution because of a permanent physical disability can arrange for voter registration by the County Clerk's Office. Persons with a permanent physical disability can likewise arrange for a special voter registration card which allows absentee voting without obtaining a physician's certificate for each election. Contact the County Clerk's Office for information.

Foreign born citizens

Persons born in the following countries derive United States citizenship at birth: Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

Naturalized citizens

A naturalized citizen must provide information regarding his/her naturalization. If naturalized through the papers of a parent or spouse, the citizen must provide information regarding the naturalization of the parent or spouse.

Early voting

What is early voting?

Illinois voters may now cast a ballot prior to election day without having to provide a reason or an excuse for wanting to vote. Early voting schedules will be published.

What is the reason for the law?

A major reason for the new law is to encourage greater participation in the election. People who travel for business, work long hours or are otherwise inconvenienced by the hours the polls are open may find it easier to vote early.

Is vote by mail allowed?

Yes, vote by mail laws remain in place. Persons who desire a vote by mail ballot should contact their election authority for an application or for more information.

Vote By Mail Ballots

Who may vote by mail

Anybody - no excuse or reason is needed to vote by mail.

Voting by vote by mail ballot

By mail: a registered voter who meets the above qualifications may request an official "application vote by mail ballot." A request for the official application must include the name and home address of the applicant and the address to which the application should be sent.

The official application may be mailed to the County Clerk's Office not more than 40 or less than five days prior to the election. If the official application filed within that time is properly completed, ballots will be mailed to the applicant.

In order for ballots to be counted, they must be postmarked the day of the Election

In person, registered voters who expect to be absent from the county on election day may vote in person at the Office of the County Clerk during normal business hours beginning forty days prior to the election and closing one day prior to the election.

Election Judges

Election judges help to guarantee that the rights of voters are protected on Election day.

Judges of election are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the polling place on Election day. They are in the position of ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with our laws.

An election judge must be a U.S. Citizen, of good repute and character; able to speak, read and write with the English language, be skilled in the four fundamental rules of math, be of good understanding and capable and not be a candidate for any office in the election or be an elected committeeman. A judge must reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct where selected to serve; however, in each precinct one judge of each party may be appointed from outside the precinct but from the county.

Judges are selected by the County Board from lists furnished by the County Central Committees of the Republican and Democratic parties. After selections are made, a report is filed in the circuit court and application is made for their confirmation and appointment by the circuit court.

Training courses and examinations are conducted for the judges, testing their reading skills, ability to work with poll lists, ability to add and knowledge of election laws governing the operation of the polling place.

Some of the duties and responsibilities include, opening and closing the polls, caring for all election materials, ensuring that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified is permitted to vote once and only once, ensuring that all votes are cast in secret and giving instructions in the method of voting when requested by a voter.

Duties also include giving assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters, maintaining order in the polling place throughout the day and preparing the ballots to be tallied after the polls are closed.

Anyone interested in serving as an election judge should contact the chairman of the party of choice or the County Clerk.

Election judges are vital to the conduct of efficient and honest elections to which voters are entitled.

If you are interested in becoming an Election Judge, call the County Clerk's Office at (815) 244-0221.

Carroll County Polling Locations

Cherry Grove/Shannon 1&2.....	Township Building, 13 S. Cedar St., Shannon, IL
Elkhorn Grove.....	Township Hall, 31434 Elkhorn Rd, Milledgeville, IL
Fairhaven.....	American Legion Hall, 223 Calvert St, Chadwick, IL
Freedom.....	Township Hall, 19987 Townhall Rd, Lanark, IL
Mt. Carroll 1, 2 &3.....	Naaman Diehl Auditorium, 811 S. Clay, Mt. Carroll IL
Rock Creek/Lima 1 & 2.....	Township Building, 25123 Locust Rd., Lanark, IL
Salem.....	Naaman Diehl Auditorium, 811 S. Clay, Mt. Carroll IL
Savanna 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.....	Savanna Fire Station, 101 Main St., Savanna, IL
Washington.....	Savanna Depot Park, 18901B Street, Savanna, IL
Woodland.....	Town Hall, 18242 Elizabeth Rd., Mt. Carroll, IL
Wysox 1 & 2.....	Wysox Township Building, 301 N. Main Ave., Milledgeville, IL
York.....	Village Hall, 2100 Market St., Thomson, IL

Schedule Of Elections

In Even Numbered Years:

General Primary Election – Typically the Third Tuesday in March. however the 2022 General Primary Election date is June 28.

Nomination Of: Federal Officers, State Officers, Legislative Officers, Judicial Officers, County Officers

Election Of: Political Party Officers (State Central, Precinct Committeemen, Delegates To National Convention)

General Election - First Tuesday After The First Monday In November

Election Of: Federal Officers, State Officers, Legislative Officers, Judicial Officers, County Officers

Retention Of: Judicial Officers

In Odd Numbered Years:

Consolidated Election - First Tuesday Of April

(If The Election Date Conflicts With Passover, The Election Is Then Scheduled The First Tuesday Following Passover.)

Election Of: Municipal Officers, Township Officers, Park District Officers, Library District Officers, School District Officers, Community College District Officers, Fire Protection District Officers (If Applicable) Officers Of Other Special Districts (If Applicable)

Carroll County School Districts

West Carroll School District #314 - Superintendent Julie Katzenberger

(Mt. Carroll, Savanna and Thomson)

642 S. East St. | Mt.Carroll, IL 61053 | (815) 734-3374

Chadwick-Milledgeville School District #399 - Superintendent Tim Schurman

100 E. 8th St. | Milledgeville, IL 61051 | (815) 225-7141

Eastland School District #308 - Superintendent Alex Kashner

(Lanark And Shannon)

500 School St. | Lanark, IL 61046 | (815) 493-6341

Carroll County Libraries

Chadwick Public Library

110 Main St.,
Chadwick, IL 61014
(815) 684-5215

Hours: Monday 1:30 P.M. Till 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday 1:30 P.M. Till 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday 1:30 P.M. Till 6:30 P.M.
Thursday 10:30 A.M. Till 6:30 P.M.
Friday 1:30 P.M. Till 6:30 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. Till 1:00 P.M.

Savanna Public Library

326 Third St
Savanna, IL 61074
(815) 273-3714

Hours: Monday 1:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday 1:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday 10:00 A.M. Till 5:00 P.M.
Thursday Closed
Friday 1:00 P.M. Till 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. Till 1:00 P.M.

Lanark Public Library

111-B S. Broad St.
Lanark, IL 61046
(815) 493-2166

Hours: Monday: Closed
Tuesday 12 Noon Till 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday 12 Noon Till 5:00 P.M.
Thursday 12 Noon Till 7:30 P.M.
Friday 12 Noon Till 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. Till 3:00 P.M.
e-mail:lanarklibrary@yahoo.com
website: lanarkil.gov/lanark-public-library/

Milledgeville Public Library

18 W 5th St.
Milledgeville, IL 61051
(815) 225-7572

Hours: Monday Closed
Tuesday 1:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday 10:00 A.M. Till 6:00 P.M.
Thursday 1:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Friday 10:00 A.M. Till 6:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. Till 2:00 P.M.

York Township Public Library

1005 W. Main St.
Thomson, IL 61285
(815) 259-2480

Hours: Monday 3:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday 9:00 A.M. till 4:30 P.M.
Wednesday 3:00 P.M. Till 7:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. Till 4:30 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. Till 1:00 P.M.

Mt. Carroll Township Public Library

208 N. Main St.
Mt. Carroll IL 61053
(815) 244-1751

Hours: Monday 9:00 A.M.. Till 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday 9:00 A.M.. Till 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 9:00 A.M. Till 5:30 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M.. Till 7:00 P.M.
Friday 9:00 A.M.. Till 5:30 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. Till 1:00 P.M.

For information on many Carroll County attractions, accommodations, parks and recreation etc. Call 1-800-367-6505 or check the website at www.gocarrollcounty.com or www.carrollcountyil.com/attractions