

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE  
ON THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

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COUNTY OF HANCOCK    )

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Delbert Kreps.

The Invocation was given by Pat Cramer.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk.  
Roll call was taken.

Those present were:        Delbert Kreps, Chairman  
                                  Kerry Asbridge, County Clerk

Wayne Bollin	Steven Finney
Steven Bolton	Janet Flemin
Dennis Castlebury	Mark Hanson
Pat Cramer	Mark Menn
Patsy Davis	Tom Rogers
Gary Dittmer	Tom Scheetz
Bryan Stevens	

States Attorney Rachel Mast, County Treasurer Kristine Pilkington, and Journal-Pilot reporter Joy Swearingen were present.

Chairman Kreps read "thank you notes" to the county board from the family and Eileen Lehr, and from the family of Nathan Cobb, following their deaths. A "thank you note" to the county board for a memorial contribution in remembrance of Mr. Cobb from the Jerusalem United Methodist Church was read.

Mr. Bolton moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Bolton presented the report of a meeting held by the County Highway Committee on February 27, 2020 and moved the report be approved, recommendations of the Committee be concurred in, and the report be placed on file with the Minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bollin, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes". The report included committee discussion of roadway de-icers and ATM use on roadways.

Mr. Bollin presented the reports of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on March 12 and March 17, 2020 and moved the reports be approved, recommendations of the Committee be concurred in, and the reports be placed on file with the Minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bolton, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes".

A flyover for the Geographic Information System, in the amount of \$74,000, by Surdex Corporation, was presented. Mr. Finney moved to approve the **Agreement with Surdex Corporation**. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer. On a roll call voting "Yes" were Bollin, Bolton, Cramer, Davis, Dittmer, Fleming, Hanson, Finney, Menn, Rogers, Stevens, and Kreps, totalling twelve. Voting "No" were Castlebury and Scheetz, totalling two.

Mr. Finney moved to approve **Memorandum of Understanding for Census 2020 Grant** between Hancock County and Western Illinois Regional Council. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Finney moved to approve an **Agreement with QFB Energy (representing Constellation, an Exelon Company)** for one year for the wholesale purchase of electricity. The agreement begins in May, 2020. The rate is 4.425 cents per therm. Mr. Bolton seconded the motion, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes". On a roll call voting "Yes" were Bollin, Bolton, Castlebury, Cramer, Davis, Dittmer, Fleming, Hanson, Finney, Menn, Rogers, Stevens, and Kreps, totalling twelve. Voting "No" was Scheetz, totalling one.

Mr. Bollin said a tentative budget services contract with Bellwether Consulting has been negotiated. He said a supplemental appropriation to fund it will be required.

A hearing on the "Supplemental Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Hancock County, for the fiscal period of one year commencing December 1, 2019 and ending November 30, 2020" will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the County Board Room, Courthouse, Carthage, Illinois 62321 at 6:15 P.M.

Mr. Scheetz presented the report of a meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance Committee held on March 9, 2020, and moved the report be approved, recommendations of the Committee be concurred in, and the report placed on file with the Minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Scheetz led a discussion on releasing tapes of closed sessions. The full board may review releasing the tapes at the April 21, 2020 county board meeting.

The Hancock Public Building Commission report was distributed prior to the meeting.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of a meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous Committee on March 10, 2020, and moved the report be approved, recommendations of the Committee be concurred in, and the report be placed on file with the Minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Finney, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes".

Ms. Davis moved to approve **A Cannibas Retailer's Occupation Tax Resolution**. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. On a roll call voting "Yes" were Bolton, Cramer, Castlebury, Davis, Dittmer, Finney, Fleming, Rogers, Scheetz, Stevens, and Kreps, totalling eleven. Voting "No" were Bollin, Hanson, and Menn, totalling three. The resolution failed.

Mr. Fleming moved to approve a **Adult Use Cannibal Use Establishments Prohibited Resolution**. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. On a roll call voting "Yes" were Bollin, Bolton, Cramer, Finney, Fleming, Hanson, Menn, Scheetz, and Kreps. Voting "No" were Castlebury, Davis, Dittmer, Rogers, and Stevens, totalling five, totalling nine. The resolution failed.

Mr. Finney moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off \$77,001.73 in Contractual Adjustments for Medicare, Medicaid in February, 2020**. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Finney moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off \$6,806.37 in Uncollectable Ambulance Billing in February, 2020**. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Scheetz moved approve the **Purchase of Natural Gas from NICOR**. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion, and on roll call all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Castlebury moved to approve a **Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate** for land and communications tower near Augusta in the amount of \$3,000. Ms. Finney seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

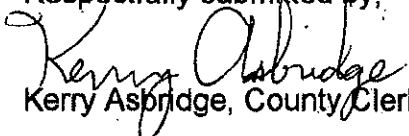
The committee determined each township could enact and enforce a nuisance ordinance. This was in response to a letter from Wyatt Green, who asked the county board to adopt a nuisance ordinance to remedy nuisances in Burnside.

Mr. Scheetz inquired about the status of the Niota Drainage District. This is in response to citizens of Niota who complained about district commissioner's conduct of business. The county board appoints three commissioners to staggered three year terms. The district was formed in 2013, and no permanent commissioners have been appointed. No treasurer had been appointed by the district. No proposed budget (expenditures) has been approved. No annual financial report has by prepared by the district.

The Clerk said that Pat McEntee, a commissioner, contacted him in December, and requested assistance. The Niota Drainage District has appointed a treasurer, and has an attorney working to correct, update, and file the duties which have not been performed.

Mr. Finney moved to adjourn. Mr. Menn seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Kerry Asbridge, County Clerk