

**MINUTES OF A 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 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

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COUNTY OF HANCOCK    )        SS

The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Vice Chairman Tom Scheetz.

An invocation was given by Mr. Hanson. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by the Clerk.

Those present were: Tom Scheetz, Vice Chairman  
  Kerry Asbridge, County Clerk

Wayne Bollin	Steve Finney
Steve Bolton	Janet Fleming
Dennis Castlebury	Mark Hanson
Pat Cramer	Mark Menn
Patsy Davis	Bryan Stevens
Gary Dittmer	Tom Rodgers
Harry Douglas	

Sheriff Scott Bentzinger, States Attorney Rachel Mast, Hancock County EMS Coordinator Jenny Meeks, auditor Kamryn Shepfer, and reporter Mark Cox of the Hancock County Journal-Pilot were present. Members of the public present were Francesca, Gary Harris, Dev Kiedash, and Brandi Mudd. Letters written by

Mr. Cramer moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting with the correction of Mr. Rodgers name. Mr. Bolton seconded the motion, and it carried.

Francesca addressed the County Board and said she objected to the Resolution concerning reopening businesses and activities passed at the June, 2020 Hancock County Board meeting due to racially inflammatory language targeting African Americans. She said the resolution also stated "Illinois is under siege" by "rioters". She believed legitimate, nonviolent protesters were diminished.

Brandi Mudd and Dev Kiedash of the Keokuk Association for Rights and Equality agreed with Francesca's comments. The letters presented to the County Board were supportive of Francesca's comments, too.

Mr. Cramer said the consequences of the shutdown mean that LaHarpe cannot have their annual car show. He said opposing car burning is not racist.

Mr. Castlebury said destroying personal property and businesses is not protesting.

Mr. Douglas said he believed that resolution pointed out the hypocrisy of the Governor.

Mr. Scheetz said he judges people by "the content of their character". He said, "I wouldn't protest during a pandemic. Black Lives Matter goes back to the Black Panthers. I can't see where we said anything wrong. We preach personal responsibility."

Mr. Rogers moved to close public comments. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Bolton presented the report of a meeting held by the County Highway Committee on June 29, 2020. Mr. Rodgers 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. Douglas, and on roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Bollin presented the report of a meeting held by the Building and Grounds Committee on July 9, 2020. Mr. Scheetz 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. Bolton. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Kamryn Shepfer, accountant for Gray, Hunter, Stenn, L.L.P., presented the audit for the Fiscal Year from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

Mr. Bollin moved to accept the audit. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Bollin moved to approve the proposal of Nugget Web to install website security in the amount of \$200. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Sheriff Bentzinger said he was unaware of the proposal to have an employee check temperatures of every person entering the Courthouse. He said another employee would have to be hired. Jenny Meeks, EMS Coordinator, said only 30% of persons with coronavirus have symptoms. A consensus was reached to continue the questionnaire screening, and advise employees to stay at home when sick.

Mr. Bolton moved to accept the **Resolution Establishing Salary of Circuit Clerk** at \$55,440 for the Fiscal Year Commencing December 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the **Resolution Establishing Salary of Coroner** as follows. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fleming. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

<u>Fiscal Year Beginning</u>	<u>Coroner's Salary</u>
December 1, 2020	\$17,142
December 1, 2021	\$17,485
December 1, 2022	\$17,835
December 1, 2023	\$18,192

Mr. Bollin moved to approve the **Resolution to Issue Deed** as Trustee for Taxing Districts to Village of Bowen in the following a successful bid of \$810.. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Cramer moved to approve the **Resolution Establishing Polling Places** in Rocky Run-Wilcox and Pontoosuc. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Scheetz presented the report of a meeting held by the Building and Grounds Committee on July 13, 2020. Mr. Scheetz 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. Cramer. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Scheez discussed his proposal to divide the State of Illinois. He supports each county, and municipalities in Cook County outside Chicago, send two each delegates to meetings.

The Public Building Commission Treasurer's Report was provided to county board members prior to the meeting.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of a meeting held by the County Health Committee on July 14, 2020. Ms. Fleming 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. Hanson. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve an **Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement** (Hancock County / Henderson County Joint Emergency Telephone Systems (911) Board). Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Mr. Castlebury moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off \$59,938.53 in June, 2020 in Uncollectable Ambulance Billing as a Consequence of Contractual Adjustments**. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off \$34,708.65 through May 30, 2020 in Uncollectable Ambulance Billing as a Consequence of Inability to Collect**. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a **Consent Agenda**. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

## **C O N S E N T   A G E N D A**

Authorize Professional Billing Services to offer a 5% discount if a bill is paid in full.

Rescind proposal to contract a new animal control building.

Publish a notice to remodel and/or reconstruct animal control building.

Mr. Bollin moved to confirm the following appointments. Mr. Bolton seconded the motion, and it carried.

## **A P P O I N T M E N T S**

Lima-Tioga Drainage District Commissioner - L. Dianne Barnett expires September, 2022

## **A P P O I N T M E N T S**

continued

Dallas Rural Water District Trustees- Rodney Bruns and George Salrin  
expires March, 2025

Board of Review - Troy Pierce 2 year term

Farmland Review Committee - Rick Johnson

Mr. Rodgers said he would like to limit the time for public comments,  
noting the public comments lasted over 100 minutes.

Mr. Cramer moved to adjourn until Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Mr.  
Castlebury seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at  
8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kerry Asbridge  
County Clerk