

**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 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF HANCOCK    )        SS

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

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

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

Wayne Bollin	*Steve Finney
Steve Bolton	Mark Hanson
Pat Cramer	Mark Menn
Patsy Davis	Tom Rogers
*Gary Dittmer	Tom Scheetz
Harry Douglas	*Bryan Stevens
Janet Fleming	

\*telephone participants

Sheriff Scott Bentzinger, Ambulance Coordinator Jenny Meeks, County Treasurer Kristine Pilkington, and Joy Swearingen of the Hancock County Journal-Pilot, were present.

Mr. Cramer moved to approve the minutes of the prior meeting with two corrections. Mr. Menn seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Bolton presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on July 30, 2020. Mr. Bolton 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. Douglas. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on August 13, 2020. Mr. Bollin 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. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Bollin moved to approve resolutions conveying fifteen. The properties had three or more years of delinquent real estate taxes, and were unpurchased by private taxbuyers. The trustee for Hancock County, Joseph Meyer and Associates conducted a sale. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scheetz. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

**Resolutions to issue deeds as Trustee for taxing districts:**

<u>Permanent Index Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Bid \$</u>
02-10-601-100	Niota	Mark M. Gnann	4,059
03-04-000-314	Pontoosuc	Valerie Huss	810
04-02-000-384	Dallas City	North Ill. Invest. LLC	851
04-02-000-445	Dallas City	North Ill. Invest. LLC	1,011
04-02-000-479	Dallas City	North Ill. Invest. LLC	851
06-21-000-885	LaHarpe	North Ill. Invest. LLC	1,211
11-15-202-000	Montebello Twp.	Timothy Schilson	1,011
13-24-639-000	Carthage	Kevin Hatfield	810
15-09-635-000	Warsaw	North Ill. Invest. LLC	1,211
15-09-792-000	Warsaw	North Ill. Invest. LLC	1,611
19-24-000-285	Harmony Twp.	Teraprom, LLC	1,653
20-36-000-537	Plymouth	Chad Bostic	4,500
20-36-000-681	Plymouth	Joyce E. Steiner	1,016
20-36-000-728	Plymouth	Andrew E. Slater	1,000
25-35-000-894	August Twp.	Teraprom, LLC	1,253

A suggestion to limit public comments at county board meetings was discussed. Mr. Stevens said he had policies from other counties limited public comments.

Mr. Rogers said he believed sometimes the Chairperson could control repetitive comments. "Sometimes it is the board's fault - engaging the speaker."

Kim Weaver, an audience member, suggested, "Just use Robert's Rules of Order for your rules."

Mr. Menn agreed with using Robert's Rules of Order.

Mr. Cramer said public comment has not a big problem. Most citizens are concise.

Mr. Scheetz suggested considering a change when the county board reorganizes.

Mr. Scheetz presented the report of a meeting held by the Building and Grounds Committee on August 10, 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 Ms. Fleming. On roll call, all members present voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming presented the report of a meeting held by the County Health Committee on August 11, 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 participating voted "Yes".

Jenny Meeks, as Ambulance Coordinator, said she attempted to meet with the Dallas Rural Fire Protection District concerning the matter of Hancock County EMS providing ambulance service for the last few years and currently. The fire protection district has levied a tax to provide an ambulance - but has not. The district trustees would not allow her to speak because she was not on the agenda.

Citizen Kim Weaver, in the audience, said he resides in the fire protection district and would help pressure for a meeting with the trustees.

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off \$49,853.54 in Contractual Adjustments for Medicare, Medicaid in July, 2020**. Mr. Scheetz seconded the motion. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a **Resolution Writing Off unpaid (believed to be uncollectable) ambulance charges in the amount of \$17,652.64**. Mr. Scheetz seconded the motion. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Ms. Davis and Mr. Douglas said they wanted seating changed so all county board members can look at members of the audience. They also said the current arrangement for county board members to telephone into meetings does not allow full participation. Mr. Stevens suggested the purchase of equipment.

Mr. Kreps appointed Ms. Davis, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Stevens to a committee to investigate possible solutions.

Mr. Kreps made appointments to the Board of Health. Mr. Bollin moved to confirm the appointments. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and it carried.

Board of Health - Reappoint to 3 years terms: Karen Andrews  
Karen Beeler  
Ed Owen  
Melissa Pence

Appoint to 1 year term (vacant): Dr. Doug Heighton

Mr. Cramer moved to adjourn until Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Mr. Bolton seconded the motion, and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kerry Asbridge  
County Clerk