

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020**

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

The invocation was given by Harry Douglas. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was led by the Clerk.

Those present were:

	Delbert Kreps, Chairman
	Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk
Janet Flemming	Mark Menn
Gary Dittmer	Tom Scheetz
Steve Finney	Dennis Castlebury (arriving at 6:37 P.M.)
Wayne Bollin	Harry Douglas
Patsy Davis	Mark Hanson
Steve Bolton	Pat Cramer
Tom Rodgers	

EMS Coordinator Jennifer Meeks, Ambulance Employees, Bob Shutwell, Kim Weaver, Mark Cox with Hancock County Journal Pilot, Jordan Hawes with Sheriff’s Department were present

Mr. Rodgers made the Motion to approve the minutes from the previous two meetings with a correction to his name. Mr. Scheetz seconded the motion, and it carried.

Bob Shutwell from LaHarpe spoke in regards to living in LaHarpe and paying taxes but ambulance is going to Lomax because they are out of service. He believes his issue will be handled this evening. La Harpe goes uncovered a lot of the time. Mr. Brown requested to be on Agenda but was not in attendance.

Steve Bolton presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mr. Bolton moved the report be approved, recommendations of the Committee be concurred in, and the reports be place on file with the Minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer. On roll call, all members participating voted “Yes”.

Mr. Cramer made the motion to approve the Resolution requesting consent to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer – Elgin Berry. Mr. Scheetz seconded it. On roll call, Fleming, Menn, Dittmer, Scheetz, Castlebury, Finney, Douglas, Davis, Hanson, Bolton, Cramer, Rodgers and Kreps voting “Yes” and Bollin recused himself.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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. Cramer. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

A Resolution for Tax Deed was presented in LaHarpe Township. The property 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 made by Mr. Finney to accept the resolution and seconded by Mr. Menn. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Douglas made the motion to accept the Independent Contractors Agreement (Public Defender) and was seconded by Mr. Bolton. On roll call all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Finney made the motion to accept the Resolution Authorizing Approving Election Judges and was seconded by Mr. Scheetz. On roll call all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Castlebury made the motion to accept the Resolution Establishing Polling Place in Chili Precinct Number One. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and on roll call all participating members voted "Yes."

Mrs. Fleming presented the report of a meeting held by the County Health Committee on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Mr. Douglas was wondering who was covering Dallas City and Lomax. Jenny said she had mutual aid agreements to help cover. Tom asked about 911 calls and where service could come from. This came to us from Ambulance because they were losing money. Douglas brought up budget about Animal control. We do have to have to provide animal control according to Rachel Mast. We have options how we carry this out. Possibly a Veterinarian could help but Sheriff would need to be involved for transportation or we could contract with another County. Discussion was had if Mike could write a ticket and Rachel clarified that. He can write a report, submit to States Attorney and she could review what could be done. Jan explained Hamilton veterinarian handled rabies tags. Cramer brought up the possibility about charging a fee to City of Carthage and if that was possible.

Mrs. 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 Finney, and on roll call all members participating voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a Resolution Writing off \$53,737.84 in Contractual Adjustments for Medicare, Medicaid in August. It was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming moved to approve a Resolution writing off unpaid ambulance charges in the amount of \$18,145.31. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. On roll call, Fleming, Dittmer, Scheetz, Castlebury, Finney, Douglas, Davis, Hanson, Bolton, Cramer, Rodgers and Kreps voted "Yes". Menn voted "No".

Ms. Fleming made the motion to accept the Food Service Ordinance to update according to State law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scheetz. All participating members voted by voice "yes."

The Ambulance director has a bid for E450 Chassis and the installation of an auto-loader for \$85,494.12 which includes 35% taken off by USDA grant. It will be financed by First Bankers Trust in Carthage.

Mark Menn asked if money would be in hand before we ordered and Jenny said she wanted the money before she ordered. Jenny also talked about our dated ambulances and worries if we don't have something better, we will not have anything on the road. A New rig could be 150-250K. Jenny looked at future requirements for IDPH and new a auto-loader was needed. There is a need in the county for an autoloader. She is looking for more grants to cover IDPH requirements.

Mr. Finney made motion to move forward with Ambulance and autoloader and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. On roll call all members participating voted "Yes".

There was discussion on removal of Nauvoo Fire and Dallas City Fire Districts from the Hancock County Ambulance calls

We will be losing revenue around \$52,000, mostly from Medicare and Medicaid according to Ms Meeks. She really wanted to keep them in our service. 911 changed their protocols because of Nauvoo/Lomax agreement which changed calls. Whoever loads patient gets paid. They are running back and forth and waste time and money. It does not do anything for relationships. Business wise it is best to remove Dallas City and Lomax from our service. Dallas City and Lomax service will come from Nauvoo. Tom asked about Nauvoo's ambulance. Jenny says they have 2 ambulances. One is ALS and other is BLS. Second is not guaranteed to have paramedic. That is why ambulance from Carthage is being called out. Tom asked if mutual aide would come if ALS was needed. Ms. Meeks said they will cover if needed. This is all pending IDPH approval

Mr. Scheetz made the motion to remove Nauvoo Fire and Dallas City Fire Districts from the Hancock County Ambulance calls. Ms. Davis seconded it. On a voice vote all voted "Yes".

Mr. Scheetz presented the report of a meeting held by the Building, Grounds and Insurance Committee held September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. It was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All present voted "Yes".

Tom brought us up to date on bid regarding insurance. Tom feels maybe the same information was not given to those giving a bid last time. He questioned the board if they want more coverage or not. Rachel clarified how she interpreted the differences. Mark Menn was thinking biggest difference was workers comp and how it was classified. Jan wanted to know if your insurance will be based on appraisals which has been done. Wayne brought up figures in insurances and talked about aggregate figures.

Lori Sutton – Hancock County Director of Transportation spoke in regard to Addendum to current contract and extending current contract. With the pandemic they only got 1 bid and asked state to extend for year and rebid next year. Many issues created a storm, so they did not have a successful RP

process. They would like to extend contract for 11 months (through fiscal year). Finney asked about hourly rate for drivers which Lori said figures had benefits included with rate at \$12-15 for driver. They are having a hard time recruiting drivers. Bus drivers at schools are receiving \$20-25 and they are losing drivers. Jan would like Rachel to review but Lori would like it to be approved. Rachel would like to review and visit with Finance comm. Cramer asked if Finance could approve without board and it was not recommended. It was tabled until Rachel could review.

The Hancock County Clerk asked that the Resolution for Trustees be considered so information could be obtained on the 457 plan. Mr. Menn wanted assured that nothing would be paid until we knew more. Mr. Finney moved to approve the Resolution authorizing New Trustees for the Hancock County 457 Plan through John Hancock Financial Services. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All participating voted "Yes".

The Hancock County Clerk requested that she be added to the US Cellular phone bill so she could look into why two phones lines were still on the account that were in connection with the Hancock County Shelter Care. Mr. Castlebury made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Scheetz. All participating voted "Yes".

The Hancock County Clerk would like to apply for three grants available for the upcoming Election. The deadline to apply is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The grants are 2020 HAVA Election Security Grant, 2020 Cares Act Grant and Postage Grant. Mr. Scheetz made the motion to proceed and it was seconded by Ms. Davis. All participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Kreps made an appointment of Rebecca Banston to the Hancock County Housing Authority for a 5-year term expiring October 8, 2025. Mr. Scheetz made the motion. It was seconded by Mr. Cramer. All participating voted "Yes".

A motion was made by Mr. Bolton to adjourn until the next meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30. It was seconded by Mr. Finney and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder