

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON THE 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

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

The invocation was given by Dennis Castlebury. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by the Clerk.

Those present were: Delbert Kreps, Chairman
 Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Mark Menn	Dennis Castlebury
Tom Rodgers	Mark Hanson
Jan Fleming	Pat Cramer
Tom Bergmeier	Stephen Finney
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbury

Absent: Harry Douglas

Kim Weaver, Micah Stewart with Journal Pilot, Lori Sutton, Peter Hannen, Scott Bentzinger, Elgin Berry, Emma Phillips and Katherine Philips were in attendance as guests.

Ms. Davis made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mr. Kreps introduced Ms. Phillips from Warsaw. Mr. Weaver, Chairman of Hancock County Democrat, had submitted her name to fill the vacancy in District 3. The motion was made by Mr. Castlebury to appoint Ms. Phillips and it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All those members present voted "Yes" by voice and the motion carried. Ms. Wilde-Tillman swore Ms. Phillips in as a County Board member during the meeting and she will take part in this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on December 29th, 2020. Ms. Davis moved the report 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. Menn. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Menn moved to approve items one through four on the agenda as a consent agenda.

1. Adoption of Resolution for Federal Surface Transportation (Rural) Program Funds and Illinois State Matching Assistance Funds-Denver Plymouth Road

2. Adoption of Resolution for Federal Surface Transportation (Rural) Program Funds and Illinois State Matching Assistance Funds-Connable
3. Adoption of Resolution for Federal Surface Transportation (Rural) Program Funds and Illinois State Matching Assistance Funds-Adrian, Ft. Green, Burnside
4. Approval to buy 2021 F-150 four-wheel drive pickup from Carson Ford for \$28,695

It was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken and all members present voted "Yes."

Mr. Castlebury moved to approve the sale of the used 2010 4-wheel drive pickup at Sullivan's on the next consignment auction. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted "Yes" motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on January 14th, 2021. Mr. Bollin asked Mr. Rodgers to explain the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Program and the process for businesses receiving their monies. Mr. Rodgers has made some calls that have clarified the counties role and he believes we need to wait for the paperwork to be completed before we get involved. Mr. Menn asked if the claims will go before the Finance before the businesses are reimbursed and Mr. Rodgers said there is no clarification on that but understands that will be the process to get the businesses paid. Mr. Rodgers said businesses can go back to March 20th, 2020 for reimbursement and the forms that are being required are for accountability. 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. Rodgers. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the amended Budget and Appropriations Ordinance with the amendments to fund 001-220-5000 (State's Attorney Salary) from \$138,197.00 to \$138, 603, fund 001-220-5010 (State's Attorney Extra Hire) with no change in \$2,500.00 and fund 022-000-5705 (Construction of Bridges) should be 023-000-5705. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion and roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to vote a consent agenda on the transportation items listed on Agenda and approve the five items pertaining to transportation.

1. Inner Agency Agreement between Macomb and Hancock County
2. Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Downstate Operating
3. Assistance Grant Agreement
4. Inner agreement b/w IDOT and Hancock
5. Grant Agreement b/w IDOT and Hancock

Ms. Davis seconded the motion, and all members present voted "Yes" by voice, motion carried.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the lease with the Hancock Public Building Commission for the year beginning December 1st, 2020 through November 30th, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bollin and roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Menn made a motion for Ms. Wilde-Tillman to proceed with the Security grant for the Elections Department. It was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on January 11th, 2021. Mr. Castlebury asked Mr. Bentzinger to clarify Senate Bill 163 and the change in laws pertaining to law enforcement. Mr. Bentzinger stated things had changed a bit and the bill was split. Ms. Mast offered some clarifications and as of now nothing had changed. Mr. Menn asked Mr. Bentzinger if a letter from the board would be beneficial. Ms. Mast explained that there are only 2 counties for this and they were not listening or desiring input. Our Senators and Representatives had this bill explained to them and understood how it would affect law enforcement and still voted for it. Mr. Castlebury 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. Hanson. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Cramer presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on January 12th, 2021. Mr. Cramer 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. Castlebury. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the Contractual write-off as of December 2020 in the amount of \$72,031.31 and the collection amount of \$47,626.38. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with all member present voting "Yes."

Mr. Cramer spoke with Jil Tracy about possible help from the State. He also spoke with a representative of Montebello Healthcare and they closing all their Illinois facilities because they are losing money and only receive payment via Medicaid or Medicare. Mr. Cramer states that Ms. Meeks estimates the County received approximately \$45,000 from calls to Montebello. Mr. Menn hates to hear of the loss of jobs and that individuals will be moved but the County cannot get in the Nursing home business.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman reported for safety reasons she needs to move Montebello 4 Polling Place from the Assembly of God to the Hamilton Community Center. Mr. Castlebury made a motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted "Yes" by voice; motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Menn to approve the last payment of \$29,600.00 to Surdex. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll Call was taken, and all members present voted "Yes."

The Soil and Water Conservation district has requested \$3,000 for ongoing education and conservation programs in Hancock County. Hancock County budgeted \$2,500 for this program. Mr. Menn made a motion to give them \$2,500 and it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken and all members present voted "Yes."

Mr. Kreps stated that Ms. James had called from the State's Attorney office and the Department of Ag wants the Hancock County Board to make a decision if we would like to hold a hearing in regard to Progress Point, LLC management facility. Mr. Kreps does not believe a hearing will make a difference. The facility is in Hancock Twp and there is already a building in this location. and this will double their swine. Rachel said it was ultimately up to the board. Ms. Davis made the motion to dispense without a hearing, Mr. Bollin seconded the motion and all those present voted ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Kreps stated he needed a representative for Hancock County Economic Development. He recommends Mr. Rodgers for the position. Mr. Rodgers accepted, and everyone agreed he was a good choice.

The board decided to have a picture taken of all board members at 6 P.M. before the February meeting on February 16th, 2021.

Mr. Menn stated that they had met on the EMS contract and once it is ratified it will come before the full board. It is a 3-year agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to adjourn the meeting until February 16th, 2021 at 6:30. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Holly A. Wilde-Tillman

Hancock County Clerk and Recorder