

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON THE 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 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 Harry Douglas. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by the Clerk.

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

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

Present on the Phone: Stephen Finney, Katherine Phillips

Micah Stewart with the Hancock County Journal Pilot, Lori Sutton, Jenny Meeks, Scott Bentzinger were present as guests. Later in the meeting Audrey Friday, Doug DiPrima and Randy Reed, with Hancock County EMS, joined the meeting.

Mr. Kreps read letters of thanks from the Veterans Affairs for van lease payment and from CCS for our business. He also recognized Hancock Counties part in the 2020 Census.

Ms. Davis made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken with all members voting "Yes," motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on January 28th, 2021. 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. Bergmeier. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on February 11th, 2021. Mr. Cramer asked for clarification on an EMS payment to Marine Bank. Ms. Meeks stated she would be paying \$7,000 each month until June 1st2021 when she will have fulfilled her part. She will be paying over \$28,000. Ms. Fleming let the board know about a tour of the Hancock County Health Department on March 4th 2021 at 6:30. This will be a communication between the Health Department and anyone on the County Board who would like to see how things work and the projects they are working on. 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 Ms. Fleming. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent agenda for the Hancock County Public Transportation. One being the Reasonable Modification Policy and the second being an Inter-Governmental Agreement between IDOT and Hancock County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A vote was taken by voice and all members present voted "aye."

Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the Supplemental Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal period of December 1st, 2019 through November 30th, 2020. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Douglas made a motion to rehire Bellwether Budget services and enter a contract with them at \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voting "Yes," and Finney voting "No." Motion carried 14-1.

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on February 8th, 2021. Mr. Castlebury asked Mr. Bentzinger to update the board on Bill 3653 and Mr. Bentzinger said it was on the Governors desk. 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 Ms. Davis. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Menn made a motion to pass the Resolution urging the Governor to veto House Bill 3653. It was seconded by Mr. Douglas. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye."

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on February 9th, 2021. Ms. Fleming caught the board up on the vaccine clinic and said the communication is getting better. Ms. Phillips stated that even if you are on a waiting list in Hancock County you can still go to Adams. Hancock has sent a staff member to help with vaccines in Adams County. Adams county is more prepared with storage options. Hancock only gets 200 vaccines with the storage they have in place. Mr. Rodgers stated he has helped with the clinics in Hancock County. He believes it runs smoothly for what the process is to get the vaccine. Ms. Fleming 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 January 2021 in the amount of \$48,559.13 and the collection amount of \$3,983.35. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with all member present voting "Yes."

Mr. Kreps presented the agreement with the County of Hancock EMS. Ms. Fleming stated Ms. Mast had looked at the agreement and only noted the differences in holiday schedules. Mr. Bergmeier asked about the holiday schedule and why some departments get 11 days and others get 12. Mr. Menn stated that is how it is negotiated, and he wants to investigate why the Courthouse follow the 9th Judicial calendar. Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the agreement between District No. 9, I.A.M.A.W. and

the County of Hancock EMS. It was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voting "Yes." Asbury voting "No." Motion carried 14-1.

Mr. Cramer wanted to mention he saw a YouTube clip on the Illinois Budget being a 1.4 billion deficit this year and it is being a deficit over 6 billion the next year. Makes him wonder if we will get our money from the state.

Ms. Meeks wanted to recognize three of her paramedics, Audrey Friday, Randy Reed and Doug DiPrima. Ms. Meeks is presenting them with a stork pin for bringing a life into the world. Mr. Reed and Ms. Friday delivered a baby in the ambulance last spring. Mr. DiPrima and Ms. Friday delivered a baby in the home in January. These individuals are called to a lot of bad situations so when there is a good, she wants to celebrate the wonderful acts while on duty.

Ms. Davis reported that WIRC had a regional meeting. They have \$35,000 for trade school or adults returning to school. Many times, these scholarships are not utilized. They have changed the guidelines so more people qualify. If you know of someone interested, please contact them.

Ms. Davis made a motion to go into closed session for discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under act, for purposes of review. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken and all members present voted "Yes," motion carried. Mr. Finney and Ms. Phillips who were on the phone were not part of the roll call and were no longer in attendance.

The doors were reopened for the audience to return, and Roll call was taken. Members present were Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps. Absent were Finney and Phillips.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to open the minutes of the April 2017 meeting to the public. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bollin. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye."

Mr. Bollin made a motion to appoint Rod LaBonte to a six-year term beginning December 31st, 2020 to December 31st, 2026, seconded by Mr. Hanson. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye."

Mr. Bergmeier wanted to thank all the road crews for doing such a good job in Hancock County over the past few days with all the bad weather. He really appreciates their efforts and wants it noted.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to adjourn the meeting until March 16th, 2021 at 6:30. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
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Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

