

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE  
OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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
Tom Rodgers	Mark Hanson
Jan Fleming	Pat Cramer
Tom Bergmeier	Stephen Finney (phone)
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbury
Katherine Phillips	Harry Douglas

Visitors present were Jennifer Meeks, Travis Duffy, Bob Shutwell, Micah Stewart, Scott Bentzinger, B. Travis Duffy, Kathy Sparrow, Steve Crawford, Keegan Steinkamp, Kris Pilkington and Elgin Berry.

Kathy Sparrow, Hancock County Republican Chair, provided a letter to the board recommending B. Travis Duffy be appointed to finish the term of Hancock County Sheriff. The recommendation comes with full support of Scott Bentzinger, Rachel Mast, the Hancock County fulltime officers and with the vote of the Hancock County Republican Central Committee. Mr. Kreps said that would be addressed later in the meeting.

Mr. Castlebury made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. The Chairman took a vote and all those present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Ms. Davis talked about the Connable and that Mr. Berry gave possibilities to repair. Mr. Menn stated about money coming down the pike that might help with this. They asked Jil Tracy and Randy Frese to come to meeting but they are not available. Ms. Davis talked to Ms. Tracy, and she will keep this in mind if money comes available. They also talked about monitoring speed on the Connable road to help with wear and tear. Mr. Berry says this project probably cannot be done until the future. They may have a public meeting to let community know they are talking about the issues with the Connable. 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. Cramer. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the bids for culvert lettings for township and county to Contech Engineered Solutions of Springfield, Illinois, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motioned carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the ARA quotation in the amount of \$16,500 to perform the pavement design work on the Ferris Road, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps read a letter of resignation from Scott Bentzinger. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the resignation and it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. All those in favor voted "aye," motion carried. The Hancock County Board accepted the resignation as of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Mr. Kreps shared that he had received a call from Mr. Bob Baxter, part-time Sheriff's deputy, that he would be interested in filling the term for Sheriff but would not run for the position. With the recommendation from the Central committee of B. Travis Duffy this gives the board a choice stated Mr. Kreps. Mr. Menn made a motion to appoint B. Travis Duffy to the position of Hancock County Sheriff for the remainder of the term and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the expenditure for PCJIMS for the case management software, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the bid notice to be published for technology for courts which can be denied if funding does not develop, it was seconded by Ms. Fleming, Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Bergmeier made the motion that they approve Kristine Pilkington as administrator and Holly A. Wilde-Tillman as Co-Administrator for Id.me. This is required to receive the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA). The motion was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Kreps called for a vote by "ayes," passing with a vote of 15-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington has registered for ARPA and set up a sweep account at Fortress bank. Reporting must be done and hiring Bellwether will really help. Mr. Douglas asked if Bellwether LLC can be paid from these funds, she did not believe so but stated Ms. Wilde-Tillman believes otherwise. Ms. Pilkington has heard in meetings regarding ARPA that this will change. Ms. Davis asked if it was \$10,000 per disbursement and that was confirmed. Mr. Bollin said Bellwether will take the load off Kris and Holly with reporting. Bellwether will help with budgeting, and they understand guidelines. Mr. Menn moved that the Hancock County Board enter into a contract with Bellwether LLC to execute and assist with the terms of the ARPA program funds. The contract will be in force: when and after, Hancock County has duly/required and/ applied for the ARPA Funds, according to the rules set forth by ARPA, and the cap on

the Bellwether LLC contract will be \$20,000- \$10,000 per each of the two installments only and according to changes made in grammar etc. in draft contract. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to pass the Resolution for Tax Deed on parcel 23-27-000-628 certificate 2016-00213 and it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. The Chairman took a vote and all those present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Fleming made a motion that all County funds and accounts shall run through the County Treasurer's office. There was discussion on this matter between board members. Mr. Menn stated this should be in the auditor's report if this is the Auditor's recommendation due to liability. Mr. Rodgers asked about the commissary account and how records are kept. Mr. Bentzinger advised the board that these accounts are audited every year and those records are always open. Ms. Fleming took the motion off the table and makes a motion that all County Funds and accounts shall be run through the County Treasurers office on the auditor's recommendation. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to table the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Ms. Philips stated transparency is always better. Motion was tabled until the Hancock County Board receives information from the Auditor's office. Mr. Kreps asked Mr. Duffy to provide the Finance committee at their June meeting with information on the accounts held by Sheriff's office.

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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, with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips and Kreps voting "Yes," Rodgers voting "No." Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury made the motion to: change bank account signatures to Travis Duffy, Josh Smith, Kelly VanFleet and Maria Hopp for the following accounts:

- a. Marine Bank
  1. Drug Fund
  2. Calendar Fund
- b. Fortress
  1. Vehicle fund
  2. Bond Account
  3. Commissary
  4. Commissary stellar
- c. First Bankers Trust
  1. DUI Restitution
- d. Bank of Advance
  1. Bail Security, DUI Fund

Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion and the Chairman called for a voice vote and the motion passed 15-0.

Mr. Bollin made the motion to pass the Resolution supporting Local Control of Zoning and Land use regulation, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. The Chairman took a vote and all those present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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 made a motion to approve the Resolution for Contractual Write-off as of April 2021 in amount of \$49,363.19 and the additional collection efforts amount of \$12,316.06, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson moved to approve Steve Siegrist for 3 three-year term and Linda Asher has agreed to stay on for a few more months until they find someone to replace her for the Warsaw Fire Protection District. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion with all members present voting "aye," motion carried.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the appointment of William Brown as Trustee to Dallas Rural Water District for a 5 year term. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and all members present voting "aye," motion carried.

The appointment of the Hancock County Health Department was tabled until next month so they can verify the terms of the members.

Mr. Bollin congratulated Mr. Bentzinger for his many years of service and thanked him for the time spent with Hancock County Sheriff's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Bollin to adjourn the meeting until June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30. It was seconded by Mr. Asbury and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder