

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE 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 Tom Rodgers. 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
Stephen Finney	Harry Douglas
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbury
Katherine Phillips	

Absent: Tom Bergmeier

Visitors present were Kathy Sparrow, Norine Hammond, Kim Weaver, Neil Anderson, Samantha Harnack, Micah Stewart, Lori Sutton, Miranda Lambert, Jennifer Meeks, family of Konnor Bland and Brian Friedrich, Steve Miller, Travis Duffy and Kelly Logan.

Mr. Rodgers introduced the new Economic Development Director, Samantha Harnack. Mr. Rodgers shared how he had become involved with Economic Development. Ms. Harnack explained she had been hired as Executive director of the Economic Development. She started last week and was shown the ropes by the former director. She wants to make her role a positive presence in Hancock County and wants her focus to be on broadband needs in our area. We are a large county geographically, and everyone can benefit from broadband. She is working with Blanche Shoup, schools, and local officials to provide services. Her husband is IW superintendent, and he is working on an IT coop, and she is looking into that for local individuals. She wants to keep money in Hancock County to benefit this community.

Mr. Finney made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting held May 18th, 2021 and the Special meeting held June 1st, 2021. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. The Chairman took a vote and all those present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Meeks recognized Brian Friedrich as Captain and Konnor Bland as Lieutenant. She wants to honor these individuals because she believes when someone steps up and takes on responsibility they should be recognized. She wants to step up the EMS professionalism in the eye of the community and believes

if it was not for these two she would not be here in this role. She decided to delegate responsibility and these two made themselves available. They have taken on extra roles to help get things done and help her to be better in her role, they are very good at what they do. Hancock County is lucky to have them. Ms. Meeks presented them with badges to wear with pride.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on May 27th, 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. Douglas. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on June 10th, 2021. Ms. Mast stated

Ms. Philips asked if we could keep the phone system to utilize over the winter. It was stated there would be time for discussion before the vote. Mr. Bollin asked Ms. Wilde-Tillman to explain the reapportionment. She stated that because the Census figures are not available it is recommended that counties use the American Community Survey data. She is looking at moving Pilot Grove from District 1 to District 2 to make a 10% or less difference between districts. There is a possibility that if the census numbers are vastly different, we may have to address this again. She has talked to other counties and many are moving forward. Mr. Menn seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the County Clerk to pay Veterans claims, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, Kreps voting "Yes" and Finney voting "No." Motioned carried 13-1.

Mr. Finney made a motion that all parcels listed under Hancock County be run through the tax process. Ms. Wilde-Tillman explained this would be a way to get the parcels back on the roles but there may be a negative connotation with Hancock County being listed as not paying tax. It was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Kreps called for a vote by voice and all those present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Resolution for B. Travis Duffy to participate in IMRF, it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion authorizing the Bellwether payment to be paid out of the American Rescue Act Funds, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motioned carried.

Ms. Mast stated the Finance committee had previously considered and denied local funding for courtroom technology as the funds were unavailable. The Finance committee reconsidered that request upon learning of grant funding opportunities for which Conference Technology's bid was submitted. This would provide remote technology for juvenile abuse and neglect cases so that parents who have had children removed from the home could appear remotely. No county tax dollars are being used to complete this project. Mr. Asbury asked about the equipment being covered but was curious about the services. Ms. Mast said this grant will cover one year of services and then they will investigate options for the future. She believes it to be around \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year and would like to explore local services. Mr. Menn asked if the service fee would come from court services? Ms. Mast said they may

look at ARPA funds. Ms. Fleming made a motion to accept the bid and move forward with the courtroom technology project with Conference Technology. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury, roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to pass the resolution for tax deed for St. Albans parcel 23-27-000-627. It was seconded by Mr. Asbury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Fleming moved to retain Jack Curfman to complete the ADA surveys for the polling places in Hancock County, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

The topic of removing the call/phone capabilities was discussed. Mr. Kreps thought it could be used in bad weather. Ms. Mast read the executive order in place that states the County must take steps to offer public access to meetings during the pandemic. This order is in place until June 26th, 2021. If the order is not renewed, then we could fall back to what is stated in statute. Ms. Mast believes the order will be renewed. Mr. Finney made a motion to table removing phone capabilities, Bollin seconded. Mr. Kreps wishes to remove this option. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Cramer, Davis, and Kreps voting "No" to table the motion. Fleming, Finney, Bollin, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips voting "Yes" to table it. The vote was 8 to 6 for not tabling the motion. Ms. Davis made a motion to remove the phone/call capabilities, it was seconded by Castlebury. Mr. Cramer asked if we could change our minds? Mr. Kreps thinks we need to retain the option for winter. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Cramer, Bollin, Davis, and Kreps voting "Yes," and Fleming, Finney, Asbury, Stansbury, and Phillips voting "No." Motion carried 9 to 5.

Mr. Hanson stated the phone was not used for the Special meeting "so why have it?" Someone stated that the phone system was not working that day.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman explained she had talked to Lori Sutton regarding ASAP.gov and had a better understanding of who should fill the user roles. Ms. Pilkington will be the Financial Official, Mr. Kreps will be the authorizing official, Ms. Hopp will be a point of contact and Ms. Wilde-Tillman will be Head of the organization. The individuals will be directly involved with receiving these funds, will need to authorize those receiving funds for federal grants and have access to the sites.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman again went over redistricting and what she proposed. She always welcomes input as this is really a role that should be handled by County Board, but she has taken it on to save work down the road. Mr. Rodgers moved to proceed with a hearing and move on this at the July meeting using the data we have; Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye."

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on June 14th, 2021. Mr. Castlebury explained the transportation contracts would not incur any cost for the County. The committee has decided not to rebid the insurance. Mr. Douglas asked who was cooking for the inmates and Mr. Duffy stated the jail staff was taking that on. 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. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the Second Amendment of Interagency Agreement between the City of Macomb for the McDonough County Public Transportation Program and Hancock County for the Hancock County Public Transportation Program, it was seconded by Mr. Asbury. Roll call was taken with all members voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Amendment to the mutual agreement of Purchase of Services Agreement for Operation of the Demand Response Transportation System and Central Dispatch Center dated December 7th, 2020, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members voting "Yes," motion carried.

Ms. Sutton introduced the new transportation director, Miranda Lambert. Ms. Lambert looks forward to serving McDonough and Hancock counties. Her office is on Pierce Street in Macomb.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on June 15th, 2021. Mr. Finney asked that there be corrections made to minutes; members name in first paragraph should read Annie Phillips. 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. Finney. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Menn asked why the Contractual write-off was so low and it was stated that the billing had not been done for May. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the Contractual Write-off as of May 2021 in amount of \$8,311.53, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes," motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Finney to pay off the revolving line of credit/loan To United Community Bank, it was seconded by Mr. Asbury. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voting "Yes." Rodgers voting "No." Motion carried 13-1.

Mr. Menn stated this board a year or two ago did not want to be in transfer business. Why do we want to get back in? We are buying ambulances why do we want debt? Mr. Hanson wondered why we were doing this. Ms. Phillips said Carthage cannot keep patients. Ms. Meeks is making it financially feasible. Mr. Cramer talked to Fulton County EMS said there is no way you can make money doing transfers. Ms. Fleming asked if we were going to serve our residents? Ms. Meeks has a proposal for Memorial, paying for the crew staffed for their transfers. Financials look sound. If Memorial is not in agreement, then we stay as we are. They do not do transfers for free they bill patient. Regarding Long distance transfers we are not making money over 60 miles. She has shutdown transfers over 60 miles, and it is putting squeeze on Memorial Hospital. EMS is currently transferring to Blessing, Great River and Hannibal and pretty much break even. She has cut overtime with not going over 60 miles. The proposed agreement is 9 am- 9pm they would be paid by Memorial Hospital. Mr. Menn asked how we cover residents if gone on transfer? Ms. Meeks explained there would be a third crew on call. Mr. Menn asked if needed to be negotiated? Ms. Meeks answered "No, we will not have issues." How do we know we would not have issues with Union, asked Mr. Menn? Ms. Meeks is not sure Memorial Hospital is onboard. Mr. Cramer asked if Memorial was paying full amount? Mr. Menn wants no overtime. Ms. Meeks stated Memorial Hospital wants a 24-hour transfer crew but she stated we cannot provide that. Asbury is worried about the midnight and 2 am calls where we are not staffed and wanted to know if this will come back to the committee? Ms. Menn is concerned if Ms. Meeks enters negotiations and board is not in favor it will

sever ties with Memorial Hospital. Mr. Menn thinks transfer company can handle this business. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to authorize the EMS director to discuss transfer agreements with Memorial Hospital, it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll call was taken with Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Fleming, Finney, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips voting "Yes" and Menn, Hanson, Bollin, Davis and Kreps voting "No." Motion carried 8-6.

There was discussion regarding the EMS director seeking bids for an ambulance and equipment to review by committee and full board for approval and ARPA funding. Ms. Mast worries if we seek bids, it will be presumed, we will be going forward with purchases. Ms. Meeks is just trying to be ready if ARPA funds are granted for this purchase. Many board members expressed they were okay with seeking quotes but not bids.

Ms. Phillips asked if board members were required to use tablets or if their email can be accessed on other devices? It was the consensus that you could use other devices.

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve Tyler Sellens and Debbie Limkemann to a 2-year term to the Hancock County Board of Review and Steve Bolton and Mark Burling to a 2-year term to the Farmland Review, it was seconded by Mr. Finney. A vote was taken with all members present voting "aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin made motion to appoint Daniel Gallaher to a 3-year term as Trustee to Nauvoo Fire Protection District, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All those present voted "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to appoint Nancy Krekel, Dale Quimby, L. Joe Smith, and Dr. Douglas Heighton to a 3-year term. Mr. Menn asked how many were on the Hancock County Health Department board and that could not be answered. It was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. A vote was taken by voice with all members present voting "aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps would like to change the Finance Committee meeting to always be later in month after the other committee meetings. It will be discussed at the Finance committee meeting.

Ms. Davis asked Ms. Wilde-Tillman how the bills that the Governor signed will affect elections. Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated some of the changes they have already been doing since the 2020 General Election and others will increase the workload in her office. Vote by Mail will be a permanent process and curbside voting has always been something the Election department has offered.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis to adjourn the meeting until July 20th, 2021, at 6:30. It was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



Respectfully submitted by,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

