

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST 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 Delbert Kreps. 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	Mark Hanson
Jan Fleming	Pat Cramer
Tom Bergmeier	Stephen Finney
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbury
Katherine Phillips	

Absent: Tom Rodgers

Visitors present were Sam Harnack, Jennifer Meeks, Amy Graham, Kris Pilkington, Elgin Berry, Jeff McPherson with Gray Hunter Stenn LLP, and Micah Stewart.

Mr. Douglas made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting held July 20th, 2021, Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. The Chairman took a vote and all those present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session held during the regular board meeting on July 20th, 2021, Mr. Menn seconded the motion. Mr. Kreps called for a vote by voice and all members present voted "aye," the motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on July 29th, 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. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Finney asked Mr. Berry about the status of the Bentley Bridge project. Mr. Berry said they have poured half and plan to pour the second half next week. He hopes to have it ready before harvest.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on August 12th, 2021. Ms. Pilkington corrected the minutes stating the CIS agreement is \$11,000.00 per year. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Mc Pherson, from Gray, Hunter and Stenn, was asked to give an audit report. The Audit was conducted later than usual because a single audit was required. Hancock County received more than \$750,000 of federal funding. We normally receive federal funds, but the Covid Relief funding pushed us over. Mr. McPherson stated the Audit went well and they were able to give an opinion whereas in the past years could not offer that due to ambulance runs and billing not being tracked. Cooperation in the offices was great. He wanted to share a little about the process. The Auditors look at board minutes to see what is approved to be spent, then they look to see if that was done and physically look at the project so they can confirm it was completed. Mr. McPherson wanted to point out a few of their findings.

- Segregation of duties. Offices are small so it is hard to divide duties. County board needs to do as much oversight as possible.

- Cost allocation plan needs to be developed for grants regarding Health Department

- Cash disbursements at health dept were paid twice. Two quotes were given, and both were paid. Their recommendation is to pay off invoice not the quote

- Ambulance is so much better than in previous years

- Bank accounts need to be all on the books. Some office holders have accounts that are not entered in general ledger books. Office holders do not have to give up control. The office holders would give bank statements to Treasurer so she can record on the general ledger. The fear of auditor is that office holders will set up accounts and it is not questioned, and no one is aware. As a board you want it on books and the board giving authorization to open accounts.

Mr. Cramer asked about passing a resolution requiring office holders report entries to Treasurer. Mr. McPherson stated the County is in a better spot than in the past, but he thinks the activity should be on the general ledger. Ms. Wilde-Tillman asked Ms. Pilkington if she could look at her account because she can sign on the account. Ms. Pilkington stated she would need Ms. Wilde-Tillman to authorize this. Ms. Pilkington is worried about accounts being opened without her knowledge. There are accounts in County Clerk, Sheriff and Circuit Clerk offices that are not on the General Ledger.

Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed parcel number 15-09-534-000, certificate number 2017-0220, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried

Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed parcel 19-32-000-360, certificate number 2017-00256, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

There will be an ad placed in a larger area for a Conflict attorney.

A special finance meeting was held to look over the paperwork submitted for the Downstate grant. Ten businesses were found to be in compliance. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the payment made to

the businesses, it was seconded it by Mr. Asbury. A vote was taken by voice with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried 14-0 with one absent.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the County Clerk to pay out of State DMV requests prior to board approval, it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the resolution to extend the contract for the Conflict Attorney through September 30th, 2021. It was seconded by Ms. Phillips. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Hotel Nauvoo and Anne's Custard, Hancock County businesses, submitted the paperwork for compliance for the Downstate grants. Mr. Bergmeier made a motion to approve the payment to each business, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. A vote was taken by voice with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington stated we need to hold a hearing for Downstate Grants to be finalized. Mr. Bollin made a motion to hold that hearing September 21st, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. prior to the regular scheduled meeting. It will be published in the Journal Pilot 7 days prior to the hearing. It was seconded by Mr. Cramer, all members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on August 9th, 2021. Mr. Douglas asked if the costs associated with inmate medical bills could be recovered, Mr. Castlebury stated he did not believe so but we could ask. 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. Finney. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on August 10th, 2021. 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. Finney. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Asbury made a motion to approve the Contractual Write-off as of July 2021 in amount of \$20,924.67 and the additional collection efforts of \$2,911.44 and it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried

Ms. Davis brought up public transportation and a call she received that an individual could not get a ride outside the County. Memorial Hospital, clinics, and a miscellaneous route is offered around Hancock County as dedicated routes. Ms. Davis believes we are not giving good service if we only have designated runs. She believes previously we went to other places but that is not the case at this time. She is wondering about non-profits to give funding to provide more transportation and maybe this is something we need to talk about. The person who called has sight issues and is diabetic. She needs transportation to see a specialist. Mr. Asbury asked if they were using money that was spoken for to hire more drivers. This WIRC grant and this is how it is written according to Mr. Castlebury. Ms. Pilkington said they were having trouble getting drivers. Mr. Menn asked how we can say transportation is specifically for Memorial Hospital, a lot people cannot get outside county. Mr. Asbury thinks most cases need transportation outside the county. Mr. Menn asked if entities were providing

funds or vehicle for rides. There was not an answer to this. Ms. Davis wants to look at providing schedule ahead to offer rides outside county so individuals know when to schedule appointments ahead. Mr. Menn said administrator is City of Macomb and Durham provides transportation so they would be the ones to contact. Are you aware and are you ok with this process asked Ms. Davis? It was believed at one time Public Transportation would provide rides for shopping. Mr. Finney asked for log of runs to see their activity. Mr. Asbury stated we need to discuss when this change occurred with Miranda and needs to be taken to committee next month. We have a Contract coming before the committee, so we better have an idea of services stated a board member. Ms. Wilde-Tillman said she would contact Miranda ahead because time is of essence with the contract needing signed.

Under New Business Mr. Kreps would like to appoint Samantha Harnack to the Western Illinois Economic Development Authority effective immediately to fill the current term. A motion was made by Ms. Fleming to appoint Samantha Harnack and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Kreps took a vote by voice and all members present voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps is appointing Tony Koehler and Sherry McAllister to Trustee to Warsaw Rural Fire Protection District. A motion was made by Ms. Davis to appoint Tony Koehler and Sherry McAllister to Trustee, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. A vote was taken, and all members present voted "aye."

Mr. Ray Stuehrenberg has resigned from the Bowen Fire Protection District. A Motion was made by Mr. Finney to appoint Beverly Hellyer, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. A vote was taken by voice with all members present voting "aye."

Ms. Fleming made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding personal. Ms. Davis expressed the need for sanctity of executive session. Mr. Kreps said it is going to be hard to keep 15 members quiet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried and at 7:38 p.m. the Hancock County Board went into closed session.

Ms. Davis made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motioned carried.

Mr. Menn stated there needs to be a trust in these meetings otherwise there is no need to go into Executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Finney to adjourn the meeting until September 21st, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Ms. Davis, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

