

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON THE 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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	Tom Rodgers
Mark Hanson	Jan Fleming
Tom Bergmeier	Wayne Bollin
Patsy Davis	Andrew Asbury
Gary Stansbury	Katherine Phillips

Absent: Pat Cramer, Stephen Finney

Visitors Present were Sam Harnack, Connor Bland, Amy Graham, Kris Pilkington, Elgin Berry, Travis Duffy, and Miranda Lambert.

Mr. Douglas made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting and the Executive session held August 17th, 2021, Mr. Castlebury 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 August 30th, 2021. Ms. Davis wanted the minutes to reflect that there was also discussion regarding an individual who lives on the Connable requesting brush be cut. There was discussion but not a solution currently. 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. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the Finance Committee on September 9th, 2021. Ms. Pilkington reported we will have to refund Memorial Hospital out of the last distribution for 2018, 2019 and 2020 but they will need to go back and reapply for a PTAB case for 2017. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to enter into an independent contractor agreement with Lucie, Bougher, and Associates, through attorney Justin Bougher and Andrew Stuckart, for \$60,000.00 for a 12-month term

as Conflict defenders beginning October 30th, 2021, and ending September 30th, 2022. It was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Kurt Dittmer as Public Defender beginning December 1, 2021, through November 30th, 2022, for \$92,000.00, it was seconded by Mr. Menn. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas moved to approve the Resolution establishing the salary of the Circuit Clerk commencing December 1, 2021, through November 30th, 2022, for \$56,840.00. The resolution also states he will receive a stipend appropriated by the General Assembly in the amount of \$6,500.00. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin, roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ten Resolutions for Tax deed were presented from the sealed bid auction held in Hancock County. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the resolutions for parcels 06-21-000-931, 04-02-000-115, 04-02-000-455, 04-02-000-480, 04-02-132-018, 06-21-000-031, 06-21-000-593, 19-08-000-493, 20-36-000-643 and 20-36-000-879 and it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Douglas to approve the 2022 Holiday schedule as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. The Chairman requested a vote by voice with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

The CIC software purchase agreement was tabled until next month.

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on September 13th, 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 Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Ms. Davis asked about financing the Security System and feels this needs to be done. Mr. Menn said it needed to come from Court Services or the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Duffy did not feel the project needed to be done immediately and could wait for the new budget. Mr. Douglas stated the Courthouse was at the mercy of the alarm if something went wrong because there is no other security. Mr. Duffy pointed out there were cameras and a Bailiff on duty. Mr. Rodgers recommended we go ahead with the project but Mr. Duffy stated we do have an alarm in place it just needs updated. The Building and Grounds committee stated the Judge would like it in place. Ms. Fleming felt it needed to be taken before the budget committee to decide where funding would come from. Mr. Bollin responded if it was necessary, they would find the money. The subject was tabled for more information.

Ms. Lambert went over the Transportation agreements to clarify the information for the board members. Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated she had spoken with Ms. James, who had reviewed the contract, she wanted it stated that the numbers in Attachment #2 were for informational purposes only and that the number to be used for payroll are those contained in the contract. Mr. Kreps stated all 4 agreements would be passed at once unless there was an objection. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the Purchase of Service agreement, Resolution for Amendments number 2 for Public Transportation agreement between Hancock County and Durham school services, Resolution for Interagency Agreement between City of Macomb for McDonough and Hancock Public Transportation, and Public Transportation agreement between Hancock County Public Transportation and Mental Health Centers

of Western Illinois. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury and roll call was taken with Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Bergmeier, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, Kreps voting "Yes" and Menn and Bollin voting "No." Motion carried.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on September 14th, 2021. Mr. Menn asked where the security for narcotics would be housed. Mr. Bland explained how that would be handled. Ms. Fleming explained that Memorial Hospital is ready to offer financial support for transfers from their hospital. Mr. Menn asked if this would open the door for other transfers, Ms. Fleming did not believe so. 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 made a motion to approve the Contractual Write-off as of August 2021 in amount of \$26,742.14 and the additional collection efforts of \$10,881.57 and it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the preapplication for Hazard Mitigation Grant program and it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. The clerk took roll call with Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voting "Yes" and Menn voting "No." Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps recommended that the board appoint Mr. Rodgers to take the lead applying for grants with Ms. Harnack for the County regarding Broadband and the application process. Mr. Rodgers made the motion to appoint himself and it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve Stephen Painter to a 2-year term ending March 2023 as Trustee to the LaHarpe Fire Protection District, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. All members present voted "aye," motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington gave Mr. Menn blueprints for the courthouse showing the heating and air conditioning system and Mr. Menn was pleased to receive for the Building Commission to address the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Menn to adjourn the meeting until October 19th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.



Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly A. Wilde-Tillman".

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder