

mentioned that the Finance committee had spoken with Mr. Beals regarding the FOIA request where documents had not been provided and the attorney fees associated. Mr. Beals had stated the cost could be taken out of any of his funds or he would pay them himself. Mr. Bollin will bring this up in the Finance committee meeting this evening and if no one has any objections they will direct Ms. Wilde-Tillman to issue a check for \$3,898.79 to Loevy & Loevy. There were no objections. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the 24 Resolutions for Tax Deed for 25 parcels, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the expenditure for a new security system by Advanced Communications for \$18,372.90, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Doulgas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, and Phillips voting "Yes." Mr. Kreps voted "No." Motion carried. Mr. Kreps stated he did not feel this expense was necessary.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the agreement with CIC for \$52,498.00 for the accounts payable software, it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Menn to renew with Mutual Medical for 2 years, it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Kreps asked why not renew for 3 years and it was stated there was not a savings and this would allow the County to explore getting the best options for healthcare. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Mr. Menn asked to go on record thanking Mr. Krohe for doing an outstanding job controlling health care costs for the County.

Mr. Krohe spoke stating claims were a bit higher through 10 months compared to last year. A lot of this has to do with COVID and procedures being put off. The current funding is absorbing costs but need to keep up with inflation and COVID is still here. Committee decided to stay with current deductible and Symetra's renewal is 5% increase with no change to benefits. The committee has suggested a \$20 increase per month for employees. Ms. Fleming stated we need to give the Union notice before we can implement the increase and Mr. Menn agreed. Mr. Krohe stated money will be coming back into the plan for reserve. Mr. Bollin wanted to clarify the cost of the premium and Mr. Krohe stated single coverage is \$814. Mr. Krohe wanted to commend Ms. McDowell in the Treasurer's office for helping control the plan. She has been a great asset continually watching the plan.

Mr. Menn made a motion to renew with Symetra Health Insurance beginning December 1st, 2021, with a Stop loss at \$30,000.00, it was seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on October 11th, 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. Phillips. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Ms. Lambert wanted to update the full board on the two action items listed on the agenda. These two agreements will provide funding for the Public Transportation. IDOT was behind that is why we are seeing them so close together, but we should be done until June 2022. She updated the county board

members on rides in the county. The rides provided in FY21 was 3,424 with 90 of those being out of county. The total in contract revenue between Memorial Hospital, Mental Health, West Central Area on Aging, and donations was \$20,221.00. These numbers are down from FY20, but we expect to see an increase in FY22. Mr. Menn asked Ms. Lambert about rides out of the county and she stated they were going out of the county on Tuesday and Thursday. She is getting more drivers and hoping to provide more opportunities. In County rides are available any day depending on openings.

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the Illinois Transit Operating Assistance Agreement in the compensation amount of \$195,000.00, it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis to approve the 5311 Inter-Governmental grant between the State of Illinois, IDOT and Hancock County in the sum of \$55,501.00, it was seconded by Mr. Asbury. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Menn recommended approving the Insurance premium with Ramsey Financial for the sum of \$228,380.00, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on October 12th, 2021. Mr. Cramer wanted to address the incident where a pedestrian was hit by EMS. He was not aware of any incident and was asked by a constituent. He believes no one on the board was contacted nor was the State's Attorney. No one was hurt and there was no damage, but he feels Ms. Meeks should have contacted the Chairman and State's Attorney at a minimum. Ms. Meeks stated she will be better about communicating and wants everyone to know she can always be contacted by phone. 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. Cramer. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Contractual Write-off as of September 2021 in amount of \$24,083.89 and the additional collection efforts of \$6,762.62 and it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. Roll call was taken with Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voted "Yes," Menn voting "No." Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to table the proposal with Memorial Hospital since the members have not had a chance to review it, Mr. Cramer seconded it. Roll call was taken with members voting "Yes" to table and "No" to consider the proposal. Members voting "Yes" were Menn, Douglas, Hanson, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, and Kreps. Members voting "No" were Castlebury, Rodgers, Fleming, and Phillips. Vote was 10 to 4 with the decision to table.

Ms. Meeks asked if anyone wanted to hear about the proposal? Mr. Kreps stated that Ms. Meeks tended to talk too much and the board had another meeting. She explained that the Finance committee had asked her to go back to Memorial and ask for more money. She has done that and feels we should give this opportunity to our citizens. If we wait another month people may die. Mr. Kreps stated the board voted to discontinue transfers and Ms. Meeks stated that she had discontinued transfers. Many board members thought they had voted on it. Mr. Kreps stated that things are getting out of control and transfers will overtake the employees with no one to handle 911 EMS calls. Mr. Kreps stated Ms. Meeks has things in order and he would like it to stay that way. Ms. Meeks guarantees they will be

covered. Mr. Kreps gave Ms. Meeks the floor. Memorial Hospital has come back with \$106,000 from \$46,000. Ms. Meeks was trying to do right by both groups so Memorial Hospital was not being gouged and Hancock County was getting a fair proposal. Memorial Hospital will pay \$300 per transfer plus \$60,000 a year and be able to get patient billing. Mr. Cramer asked why Memorial Hospital doesn't get their own ambulance and hire off duty EMS employees. Ms. Meeks stated her employees will not work for Memorial Hospital due to past issues. Mr. Cramer thinks we need to keep it simple. Mr. Castlebury shared a personal story that if transfers out of Hancock County were not an option, he would have lost a loved one. He values having this in Hancock County and does not see a problem if we keep the funds separate but we must get patients to a place they can be cared for. Mr. Asbury does not disagree with offering transfers, but we must make sure that finances are correct. He would like to see the billing and reimbursement. Mr. Asbury wants to see costs on our side and the depreciation on ambulances. This is a great first step, but we are 10-15% behind. Ms. Meeks stated this works out to \$7.00 a mile. Other concerns by Mr. Asbury were the pay difference between per mile and per hour, Social Security and the benefits being paid on earnings. Most board members stated they had only a few minutes to look over proposal. Mr. Asbury wants this to be a lasting plan and a bridge between Hancock County, Memorial Hospital and EMS. "It will not do any of us any good if we accept this proposal and because it has not been thought out, we discontinue in 90 days," said Mr. Asbury.

Ms. Bair spoke that she appreciated Mr. Castlebury's comment. Even short term this will be helpful because we do not want people to die. Mr. Hanson reiterated "No one wants anyone to die." Ms. Bair said she understands and believes we all have the same goal to save lives. This plan will help people get transferred and will save lives. Ms. Meeks stated her, and Memorial Hospital have a good relationship with a good line of communication, and she believes the 90 day window will be respected. Ms. Bair said they do not send everything to their legal department and can move forward. Ms. Pilkington spoke about the \$500 paid to the employees. She wonders where that is and Ms. Meeks stated she had not billed it as of this time. Ms. Pilkington believes something should go to wear and tear on ambulances. Ms. Meeks stated the \$500 was an enticement to employees for doing the run. Ms. Pilkington wondered if the employees were getting their hourly wage in addition and Ms. Meeks said "No." Ms. Pilkington does not get day to day report only hours and wanted to state there is a portion of Social Security paid by County. Mr. Menn asked if payroll taxes, and benefits were taken out to \$500 payment and Ms. Pilkington said "Yes." Ms. Davis asked what the County will receive from transfer. Ms. Meeks stated they would be \$2,000 and get between \$1,500 and \$1,700. If it was Medicaid, it would be \$500 and Medicare would be \$800-\$900.

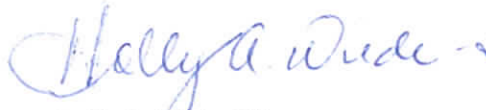
Ms. Phillips stated she was new to the board but sensed hard feelings. She feels they have hired Ms. Meeks and she has done a very good job. She believes the board should trust her. If she was treated this way she would quit, and Ms. Fleming agreed. Mr. Kreps stated he did not want to go back in the hole where we were. Ms. Phillips said we need to move past what has happened in the past. Mr. Hanson said we must be fiscally responsible. Ms. Phillips stated Ms. Meeks have things in place if we need out.

Mr. Kreps is setting up a committee to discuss this and come up with a resolution. He would like the committee to meet before the next meeting but no longer than 2 weeks. He asked Mr. Asbury to be the chairman. Mr. Kreps asked Mr. Douglas and Ms. Davis to sit on the committee. He needed a volunteer to be the fourth and Ms. Fleming agreed as chairman of Health and Miscellaneous to be on the committee.

Mr. Bollin moved to approve Kevin Roskamp as Trustee of the Lima-Tioga Fire Protection District with the term ending April 10th, 2024. It was seconded by Mr. Menn. Mr. Kreps took a voice vote with all members present voting "aye."

A motion was made by Ms. Fleming to adjourn the meeting until November 16th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,


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