

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE  
OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY NOVEMBER 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 Bergmeier. 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
Pat Cramer	Tom Bergmeier
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis (entered at 6:35 pm)
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbury
Katherine Phillips	

Absent: Stephen Finney

Mr. Douglas made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting held October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Mr. Bergmeier seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried. Ms. Davis was not present for the vote.

Mr. Kreps welcomed the visitors present. In attendance was Mr. Duffy, Gary and Deann Waddell, Ms. Harnack, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Meeks, Ms. Joy Swearingen with the Journal Pilot, and Mr. Berry.

Mr. Kreps recognized Ms. Betty Twaddle for her years of service to Hancock County. He presented her with a plaque and thanked her for all her help over the years. He knows she made his job easier, and others would agree. Ms. Twaddle thanked the board and said she would always be around for questions. She would see some of the members at tax time as she plans to continue preparing taxes. Mr. Kreps said there was a reception downstairs in her honor and the board would be down after the meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the Resolution to expend County Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 for general maintenance of County highways in 2022, it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. Roll Call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin made the motion to approve the local public agency engineering service agreement with Klingner and Associates for \$57,042.00, it was seconded by M. Douglas. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Cramer, Bergmeyer, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, and Kreps voting "Yes." Fleming voting "No." Motion carried 14-1

The motion was made by Mr. Castlebury to authorize Mr. Berry to sell the engineers trailer as surplus equipment for the best price, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call was taken with all members of the board present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meetings held by the Finance Committee on October 19<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cramer stated he felt that the board should have been consulted regarding the County Board secretary's position. Mr. Bollin stated Ms. Twaddle was offered a full-time position and she refused it. Mr. Rodgers asked about clarification on the budget deficit and Mr. Menn clarified it was the removal of \$52,000 in revenue from General fund into special funds for court security and drug court. Mr. Cramer seconded the motion and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the General Fund budget and levy for Hancock County for FY2022. Mr. Bollin stated that there was a \$52,000.00 deficit. The original budget figures were balanced, then two special fund accounts were removed from the revenue side to create a Court Security and Drug fund. The State's Attorney initiated these funds a couple years ago when the State made changes to the law. Fees collected from the last few years have been deposited in the General fund and will now have their own fund. Mr. Menn added the Court Security fund can be used to pay for expenses like the bailiff. He wants to add this is a balanced budget. Mr. Bollin stated the tax levy has a 0% increase and the EAV for the county did increase by 3.8%. Bellwether assisted with the levy prep and was not able to calculate any revenue loss in Hancock County for 2020, we are a strong county. The county has no debt, and they can thank the office holders for their time and attention to spending and efficiency. Employees were given 2% increase in salaries and one new position will be formed in the County Clerk's office to help with Clerk's duties, elections, and County board. Elections, resolutions, and other matters are requiring more time and attention in our county. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion, and all members present voted "Yes."

Mr. Menn wanted to go on record thanking Mr. Bollin for his leadership in the budget prep process. All members agreed.

Mr. Castlebury moved to approve the Resolution to hire Mr. Wright as Animal control warden, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion to authorize the Chairman and Finance chairman to transfer funds between line items, it was seconded Ms. Fleming. Roll call was taken with all members, except Mr. Kreps who abstained, voting "Yes." Motion carried 13 voting "Yes," 1 abstaining and 1 absent.

A motion Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the resolution for Tax Deed for parcel 15-09-381-044, tax certificate 2017-0213, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken, all members voted "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to increase the employees' portion of the Health Insurance by \$20.00 monthly. Mr. Bergmeier seconded the motion. 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 November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It was reported that both Sheriff's vehicles are in. 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. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Asbury made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Grant Agreement for CARES Act funding for the total sum of \$377,542.00, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Lambert explained the Professional service agreement with Ms. Sutton. They are extending her contract for 6 months to help Ms. Lambert through the grant process. Mr. Menn asked if there was a cap on the hours? Ms. Sutton has worked approximately 54 hours and is being paid \$50 per hour and they are looking at about the same hours. This is based on funding and will be covered by current funding either through 5311 or CARES in IDOT funding. A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury to approve the Amendment of Agreement for Professional Services between Hancock County and Ms. Sutton for 6 months, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. 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 November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Ms. Phillips. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the contractual write-off as of October 2021 in the amount of \$63,229.55 and the additional collection efforts of \$2,187.01, it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers read a portion of the statute regarding Ambulance requirements. He immediately made a motion to service all hospital emergencies by doing transfers and provide service outside our area. It was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Ms. Fleming asked who declares in an emergency? Mr. Menn stated we needed parameters. Ms. Phillips asked why this could not be run like before? Ms. Meeks added EMS is not required to provide service from hospital to hospital. The EMS coordinator would like to review the statute Mr. Rodgers is referring to. Mr. Rodgers believes if a doctor requires a transfer, we should provide that service. Ms. Meeks stated it is up to the Medic to make the decision if they want to take the call based on condition of patient. Currently, EMS is transporting to Blessing and transfers within 60 miles of home base. Mr. Asbury stated if there is an emergency, they need to have staff for 2 rigs to be in Hancock County otherwise they will have to wait. Mr. Menn asked how many transfers have occurred in last month and Ms. Meeks responded with roughly a dozen. Mr. Kreps asked what will happen if roll call is taken and this is voted "No?" Will that mean Hancock County is without and transfers out of the County. Mr. Cramer stated he thinks the motion needs to be taken off the table. Ms. Phillips said she will take the second off the table if transfers are being done in the 60-mile radius. Ms. Meeks would rather things stay as is and

continue to work on a transfer proposal. Mr. Bergmeier wants to know if we are following the law with the services we are providing at this time. Ms. Meeks stated the EMS coordinator said she is doing a good job. Mr. Kreps stated we are moving on.

At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Asbury made a motion to go into Executive Session, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried and the board went into closed session.

Mr. Hanson made the motion to come out of Executive Session, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken, and all members present voted "Yes." Motion carried and at 8:28 p.m. the board went into open session. Ms. Davis reiterated that the information said in Executive session needs to remain confidential.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to appoint Joyce Lillard as commissioner to the Hancock County Housing Authority for a 5-year term, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Mr. Kreps called a vote by voice and all members present voted "aye," motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to adjourn the meeting until December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.



Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Holly A. Wilde-Tillman".

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder