

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 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 Stephen Finney. 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
Pat Cramer	Tom Bergmeier
Stephen Finney	Wayne Bollin
Patsy Davis	Andrew Asbury
Gary Stansbury	Katherine Phillips
Delbert Kreps	

Absent were: Mark Hanson and Jan Fleming

Mr. Kreps asked for a motion of the November County Board meeting minutes and the Executive meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voted "Yes."

Mr. Kreps welcomed all visitors in attendance; Joy Swearingen, Melissa Best, Jeri Schuester and Donna Thompson, Konnor Bland, Sarabella Wheeler, Travis Duffy, Keith Krohe, Sam Harnack, Elgin Berry, Kris Pilkington, and Ada Bair.

Mr. Kreps invited the members of the Hasten family to speak. Ms. Best stated her father had been taken to the ER and diagnosed with and AFib stroke. It was a dire situation where he could lose his arm. There was a bed for him at Barnes but Memorial Hospital could not get the ambulance to transfer him. In the end, the family transported him to Blessing in their car. They wanted to make the County aware of the situation and hope to prevent it in the future. Mr. Kreps stated that the ambulance has a policy that they cannot transport over 60 miles but the director has the ability to make that decision if there is a need for a patient to be transferred. The board is aware of the situation and is working on a solution.

Ms. Bair confirmed everything that the family is saying is true and commended the family on their bravery. She stated the hospital worked on this situation for many hours and felt that their hands were

tied. The family was able to get this accomplished where the hospital could not because they took him to the ER and he was admitted through there.

Mr. Kreps read a thank you from Betty Twaddle for her reception and plague.

Ms. Harnack thanked the board for supporting Economic Development in the past year and appreciate their continued support.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on November 29<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. Menn. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to establish Temporary Weight Restrictions on Township and County Roads for up to 90 days, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried. Mr. Finney asked Mr. Berry if the Road commissioner could post that for more than 90 days and Mr. Berry said no, it was set by statue.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis to accept all quotations from all plants, quarries and lowest on-road cost for furnishing materials to the county and the various township, it was seconded by Mr. Finney. Roll call was taken, and all members present voted "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meetings held by the Finance Committee on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Ms. Wilde-Tillman reported that Ms. Mast had spoke to Ms. Lambert and she seemed willing to reimburse the County. Brianna from Ramsey Financial had sent the information to Ms. Lambert. Mr. Krohe spoke about the No Surprise Act passed by the governor. There are some things the plan can do to keep costs down. Offering AirEvac to employees and reimbursing them is a possible solution. It will be discussed at the next Finance meeting in January. . Mr. Bollin 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. Douglas and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury to approve participation in the National Opioids Settlement, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Mr. Kreps took a vote by voice with all members present voting "aye," motion carried. Mr. Kreps will be the signature on this settlement participation.

Mr. Finney made a motion to enter into an agreement with the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

The Bellwether agreement for the 2022 Budget process was tabled until we get a contract. It was also decided to table the MTC agreement for the Sheriff's new phones until they hear a decision from the 911 board.

Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the HAVA Election Security Grant agreement, it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. Roll call was taken with with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

It was decided that the board would go into Executive session later in the meeting to discuss the Health Plan Policy regarding ACP.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Building, Grounds, and Insurance on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Ms. Davis 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." Motion carried.

Mr. Cramer presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Three corrections were noted; 14-17 weeks for a new garage door at EMS, Memorial Hospital is documenting when transfers are denied to patients, and the committee pertaining to EMS has only met with Adams County once. Mr. Cramer 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 with corrections made. The motion was seconded by Ms. Phillips. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes". It was noted that Mr. Cramer thinks the Hancock County Building Commission should take over the ambulance building. It would streamline repairs.

Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the contractual write-off as of November 2021 in the amount of \$21,762.69 with no additional bad debt collection, it was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

There was discussion on using the entire fund allocated for EMS equipment to purchase two LUCAS devices. Mr. Menn asked what the EMS would do if they needed more equipment. Mr. Kreps asked if one would be in Carthage and the second in Hamilton. Mr. Bland stated the Autopulses are not working and most shifts are taken off rigs because they are not required by IDPH. It was suggested to buy one now and one mid-year. Mr. Bland thought there was a discount if we ordered it this year. Ms. Meeks is supposedly working on a grant for other equipment that is needed. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to purchase 2 LUCAS devices, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with Castlebury, Rodgers, Bergmeier, Finney, Asbury, Phillips, Kreps voting "Yes," and Menn, Douglas, Cramer, Bollin, Davis and Stansbury voting "No." The vote being 7-6, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers congratulated Mr. Kreps on how he handled the Ambulance situation earlier. He believes there needs to be a letter directing the director how to handle emergencies. Mr. Douglas stated he believes all the facts need to be out then we can decide whether a letter is warranted. Mr. Rodgers asked the question "Are we handling emergency transfers or not?" Ms. Davis and Mr. Douglas both confirmed that Ms. Meeks has been given emergency direction. Mr. Rodgers asked, "How was she notified?" Ms. Bair stated she called Ms. Meeks and her understanding of this situation was that she could not go past a 60 mile radius. Ms. Bair believes there is not clarity to Ms. Meeks role and does not want to break the rules. Mr. Rodgers wants clarity. Mr. Menn again said Ms. Meeks had the authority to transfer. Mr. Bergmeier stated that he had asked In November at the Hancock County board meeting if we were taking emergency transfers and Ms. Meeks replied yes.

Mr. Kreps asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Green to a 5 year term on the Hancock County Building Commission. Ms. Davis made that motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. A voice vote was taken with all member present voting "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Menn at 7:36 p.m. to go into Executive Session concerning personal and insurance, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

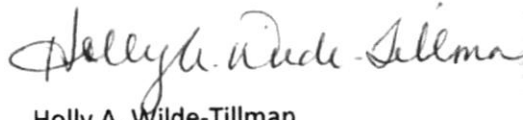
At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Castlebury voted to come out of Executive Session, and it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken, and all members voted to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps formed a Board of Review of personnel. He asked members of the Board to sit; Harry Douglas chair, Patsy Davis Vice Chairman, Andrew Asbury and Janet Fleming.

Mr. Kreps thanked the building commission for the carpet in the boardroom, it looks nice. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to adjourn the meeting until January 18th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Holly A. Wilde-Tillman

Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

