

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.**

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The meeting was called to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Delbert Kreps.

The invocation was given by Wayne Bollin. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by the Clerk.

Those present in person were:                      Delbert Kreps, Chairman  
   Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

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| Mark Menn      | Dennis Castlebury  |
| Mark Hanson    | Tom Rodgers        |
| Pat Cramer     | Tom Bergmeier      |
| Stephen Finney | Wayne Bollin       |
| Patsy Davis    | Andrew Asbury      |
| Gary Stansbury | Katherine Phillips |
| Delbert Kreps  | Jan Fleming        |

Absent were: Harry Doulgas

Mr. Kreps asked for a motion of the December County Board meeting minutes and the Executive meeting held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Finney. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, Kreps voting "Yes" and Rodgers voting "No." Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers noted he had not had time to read the Executive session minutes.

Visitors joining the Hancock County Board were Mike Heisler, Rachel Mast, Travis Duffy, Kris Pilkington, Joy Swearingen, and Elgin Berry. Ms. Mast approached the Chairman to speak to Mr. Kreps about a visitor who did not want to introduce himself to the Board.

Ms. Harnack invited the board to the Hancock County Economic Developments Annual Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Marine Bank and Trust. She would love to have the board join in person or by Zoom.

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

Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the Resolution to expend federal surface transportation (bridge) program funds on the Hancock County Bridge structure #034-3122 for \$175,000 from the County Bridge fund and \$10,000 from engineering, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. All members present voted "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Resolution to expend federal surface transportation (rural) program funds to pay for day labor pavement preservation work on the Burnside-Durham Road and the Burnside-LaCrosse road in the amount of \$65,000, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. All members present voted "Yes" on roll call; motion carried.

Mr. Finney asked about the resolution bridge inspection as to where this was and the timeline for work. Mr. Berry stated it was located by Rodney Yuskis's shed. He does not believe work will be done until late fall with some of the work not to start until 2023. Mr. Finney motioned to approve the Resolution to expend federal surface transportation (bridge) program funds for safety inspections in the amount of \$15,000, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the ordinance for budget amendments for the County Motor Fuel tax fund and Federal aid matching fund fiscal year 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes," motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meetings held by the Finance Committee on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A correction of Mr. Wilde-Tillman to Ms. Wilde-Tillman was noted. Ms. Wilde-Tillman clarified the 2005 and 2007 were not years but addresses of where the two security systems were installed. Mr. Cramer asked Ms. Meeks if the two locks on the ambulance building was a law and Ms. Meeks was stated yes. She believed we could be shut down without it. 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. Menn and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin stated that the Ambulance levy was included in the budget but left out of the levy, so action was needed to amend the levy. Ms. Fleming made a motion to approve the ordinance for the tax levy amendments adding the ambulance levy of \$215,000 to the levy. Mr. Finney seconded the motion and roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

No action needed to be taken on the line item transfers.

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the supplemental budget and appropriation ordinance for FY 12/1/2020 through 11/30/2021, it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to enter into agreement with AVENU for microfilm storage for last year and the year beginning in March. The county is currently in an agreement and because of a company change the agreement lapsed. The committee made the decision to pay what was past due and what would be due in March, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

The Board has decided to table the AirEvac membership at this time until they have more information.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman explained that the counties portion of the Court services to be paid to McDonough County had been missed and she needed a motion to pay the claim of \$56,418.00. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to allow the Clerk to pay the claim to McDonough County for Hancock Counties portion. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with the Hancock County Building commission for \$432,000, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. 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 January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ms. Fleming asked if there could be a contractual agreement for medical services and Mr. Duffy stated they already are paying Medicaid rates. She also asked about a prescription agreement with Wear Drug and Mr. Duffy said they had been approached but were not willing at this time. He also stated that a doctor came once a week. Ms. Asbury 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.

Mr. Kreps stated for employment reasons a board member needed to have night meetings. Mr. Kreps moved Mr. Castlebury to the Finance committee and Highway committee. Mr. Stansbury will be on Building and Grounds and Health and Miscellaneous. Mr. Hanson will be chairman of Building and Grounds. This change will take place starting in February.

Ms. Fleming presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Cramer asked if the Commerce grant had to be used for the parking lot and Ms. Meeks stated that when the grant was submitted it was earmarked for the parking lot. Ms. Meeks stated the Siren grant will be used for mental health training and drug addiction. Ms. Phillips asked for more details on the COVID testing and Ms. Fleming suggested she call Ms. Hall. Mr. 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. Asbury. Roll call was taken with all member present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Meeks asked for guidance in relation to the raises being turned down. She stated no other director had received push back on employees and Union pay scales. She noted there had been 5 directors and she was the first to be told she could not do this. Ms. Fleming suggested we go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Finney to approve contractual write-off as of November 2021 in the amount of \$25,618.63 with additional bad debt collection of \$33,547.63, it was seconded by Mr. Asbury. Roll call was taken with Castlebury, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbury, Phillips, Kreps voting "Yes" and Menn voting "No." Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin voted to go into Executive Session citing 5 ILCS 120/2(c) sections 1 and 2, and it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." At 7:28 p.m. the board went into Executive Session.

Ms. Fleming made a motion to leave Executive session and it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." The board left Executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to enter into a settlement agreement with Machinist 9 and Melvin Wittler, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion that no County employee has the right to deviate from any salary contractual agreement without full board approval, it was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to adjourn the meeting until February 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Hanson, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Holly A. White-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

