

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Delbert Kreps at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Patsy Davis. 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
Wayne Bollin	Patsy Davis
Andrew Asbury	Gary Stansbery
Katherine Phillips	Mark Hanson

Absent were: Jan Fleming and Steve Finney

Mr. Kreps asked for a motion of the January County Board meeting minutes held on January 18, 2022. Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Menn. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the executive minutes. Mr. Asbury seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps welcomed all visitors in attendance: Joy Swearingen, Travis Duffy, Keith Krohe, Sam Harnack, Elgin Berry, Kris Pilkington, Miranda Lambert, and Rachel Mast.

Ms. Harnack wanted to update the board on HCED. She provided the phases ahead. She will be done with Phase I in the next couple of weeks, and Phase II will take a few months. She will be updating the website to be more community oriented and less economic development. The community calendar is already up. Mr. Douglas asked that Plymouth be added. Ms. Harnack stated that she had accidentally deleted Plymouth. Any city that does not have a website she will be making a page for with contact information on it such as schools, business, libraries, etc.

Mr. Rodgers explained about a free tax service that residents of Hancock County may be eligible for. They will provide this curbside in Keokuk for Hancock County residents. This is provided by the United Way. This service is done by certified tax preparers. Ms. Harnack asked if there is a

website on it. Mr. Rodgers said he did not think so. This is for people who make less than \$59,000/year.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by Finance, Fees, and Salaries from February 10, 2022. Mr. Krohe explained how the contract would be null and void if we take it out of our plan. The way to go is individually. The county through the health plan will reimburse members up to \$100/year for Air Evac. The employee will pay the premium, bring the receipt to the treasurer's office, and Mutual Medical will reimburse them. The plan would be changed whereas when a claim is submitted then it would be denied and go to Air Evac. Mr. Rodgers wanted to clarify the information to make sure he understood. He asked if employees would have to pay out of their own pocket and get reimbursed. If they have a flight it will go to insurance and be rejected. Mr. Krohe said they will bill the carrier and it will be rejected. Mr. Rodgers asked that the family does not have to deal with it? Mr. Krohe stated no. Mr. Bollin stated he saw an incentive for new members who sign up for Air Evac. They sign up for 1 year and get a \$50 gift card. A family plan costs \$85/year. Mr. Bollin stated we needed to amend the contract to state that we only do a 1-year subscription. Mr. Krohe asked that a fax number be added which is 309-674-5420. Mr. Krohe also asked if they wanted both languages changed on the contract. Mr. Bollin stated we need both language items changed at the same time. Mr. Menn motioned the language be changed in the contract to state :professional ground ambulance service when medically necessary to transport a patient to the nearest hospital where required medical treatment can be provided. Air ambulance is not covered. One year for prepaid air transport will be reimbursed to you 100% up to \$100 per year when you file an itemized receipt for your payment to Mutual Medical at 416 Main Street, Peoria, IL, 61602, fax 309-674-5420. The plan administrator may authorize payment of any IRS-approved medical plan benefit that is not covered by this plan up to any amount that does not exceed \$20,000". Mr. Bergmeier seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers made a motion for Air Evac reimbursement for \$100/year for employees who sign up for Air Evac. Mr. Cramer seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington presented the ambulance report. The ambulance has been struggling for some time, it has finally come to a head, and is an emergency situation now. There is not enough money to pay the bills or payroll. They have \$29,000 in checking. All bills and payroll come to \$50,196 this month. She asked that Judy Montgomery hold off on paying the ambulance bills until we get through this. She suggests a tax anticipation warrant and states this is a quick fix. The ambulance will have \$215,000 of tax revenue this summer but when they get their first distribution they would have to reimburse this. It was asked if we could borrow against the county general fund, and Ms. Pilkington thinks we should keep funds separate. There is the option of borrowing against the building but this will require more time. Mr. Menn asked about accounts payable.

An approval for the DEVNET server hardware and software agreement was motioned by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken and all members present voted "yes". Motion carried.

Discussion took place about department credit cards. Mr. Menn asked would each department get 1 card, and would this be billed on a monthly basis? Discussion took place about budgeted items and using correct funds for purchases. Claims are to be prepared as normal. Ms. Davis motioned that departments be granted a credit card to be used for budgeted items. Mr. Bollin seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Discussion about the website resolution took place. Ms. Wilde-Tillman met with Vervosity which would provide a scanning service to constantly watch our website in case we are hacked. She is meeting with MTC to give a bid of what it would cost to have IT service at the courthouse. She stated there are lots of individuals and groups wanting to put their links on our website to bring attention to their cause. We ask that there be a consistent response. Ms. Davis asked if this is advertising. Ms. Wilde-Tillman answered yes. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for the website resolution. Mr. Bollin seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the ambulance tax anticipation warrants. Mr. Bergmeier asked about the ARPA funds. Mr. Cramer asked how much was in ARPA. Mr. Bollin stated we need the money now. Repaying is a problem any way you look at this. Ms. Pilkington stated this is the fastest way. She is taking what we need and hoping that the money comes in. Mr. Bergmeier asked if we could use the money set aside from ARPA. Mr. Bolin stated it was set aside for the Connable. Mr. Rodgers stated this was the committee's fault that we let this happen. Mr. Menn stated last May we talked about this but we kept voting and voting to give more and more money. Mr. Rodgers stated some people are smarter than others, but he did not see this coming. Mr. Menn stated in May we bought the Cadillac ambulance. Mr. Hanson made a motion to proceed with the tax anticipation warrants. Mr. Castlebury seconded. Roll call was taken. Mr. Menn voted "no". Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbery, Phillips, and Kreps voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Krohe and Ms. Harnack left the meeting at 7:30.

Mr. Menn spoke about the sheriff's contract. There is some wording that needs to be redone.

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. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson presented the report of the meeting held by the Building and Grounds committee on February 14, 2022. Mr. Asbury asked that a change be made in the wording of the minutes from "female jailer" to jailer. Discussion took place about the incident at the jail. Mr. Kreps had asked that 911 pay for half of the sheriff's phone and they said yes. Mr. Cramer motioned we pay for half of the sheriff's phones. Mr. Asbury seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Lambert discussed the HCPT and Memorial Hospital agreement. Mr. Cramer asked how much this costs. Ms. Lambert stated it is a matching grant. Mr. Menn asked how much this took out of services. Ms. Lambert said they are only doing 3 days so they can do 2 days out of the county. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the HCPT and Memorial Hospital agreement. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion passed.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program. It was seconded by Mr. Stansbery. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the Purchases of service agreement for McDonough and Hancock Counties. Ms. Phillips seconded this. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson 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 members present voting "yes". Motion passed.

Mr. Cramer presented the report of the meeting held by the Health and Miscellaneous committee on February 15, 2022. Mr. Cramer asked for a correction of 0.25% sales tax. Mr. Cramer asked if his son could take a look at the ambulance garage door. He would be willing to do this. He believes it is the insulation coming out and could possibly be duct taped.

Mr. Menn asked how can we have contractual write offs but our runs are down. Mr. Menn asked if billing is behind. Mr. Cramer made a motion to pay contractual write offs as of January 2021 in the amount of \$62,491.21 with an additional bad debt collection of \$17,312.75. Ms. Philips seconded. Castlebury, Rodgers, Asbury, Stansbery, Phillips, and Kreps voted "yes". Menn, Douglas, Hanson, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, and Davis voted "no". The motion did not pass. Ms. Mast stated the board would like more information about why these are contractual write offs, and after they understood this more they may change their vote. Mr. Asbury stated there were 26 runs for January, 15 were self pay, 12 of which were lift assists or refusal. Mr. Castlebury stated Medicare is probably 4 months behind on payments. Mr. Rodgers stated if Medicare denies payment then we write it off. Mr. Cramer asked what happened to the 31-day CD money. Mr. Menn stated the CD money is gone. Mr. Kreps stated you voted against the report so we will not pay the bills this month. Mr. Bergmeier stated the vote was on contractual write offs. Mr. Cramer stated to Mr. Rodgers that this is what happens when you wait until you run out of money. Mr. Menn stated to go back in and make a motion to write off the \$62,491.21, which is what Medicare and Medicaid will not pay. His problem is the \$17,312 going to a debt collector and paying them 4% for any debts collected. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to do contractual write offs. There was no second.

Ms. Davis made a motion to table the EMS pay raises since there are other factors involved. We need to collaborate with the union. Mr. Cramer seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Cramer 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. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway, Road, and Bridge committee on January 28, 2022. Mr. Bollin stated there were a bunch of compliments after the last snow fall. Mr. Berry made an amendment to the minutes stating it was not \$1000/hour to keep the trucks going, with a 2-hour minimum. The cost is \$1000 to activate all trucks going out and running their trucks for a 2-hour minimum. Ms. Davis made a motion to give approval of expenditure for a dump trailer up to \$30,000. Mr. Castlebury seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. 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.

Motion to go in to executive session was made at 8:23 p.m. by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Cramer seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes".

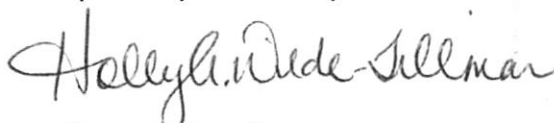
Mr. Douglas made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Castlebury seconded. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "yes".

Joshua Dooley will be appointed to the Niota Drainage as a replacement to fill the term of Pat McEntee. Motion to approve this appointment was made by Mr. Castlebury with Ms. Davis seconding it. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin made a motion for a special meeting on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse Board Room. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A voice vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn until March 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Menn at 8:44 p.m. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted "yes".

Respectfully submitted,



Holly A. Wilde-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder

