

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, INSURANCE, AND
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON JUNE 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Hanson at 6:26 p.m. Members present included Patsy Davis, Stephen Finney, Tom Rodgers, Gary Stansbery, Delbert Kreps, Mark Hanson, and Katherine Phillips. Absent was Andrew Asbury. Visitors in attendance included Brenda Young, John Rea, Samantha Harnack, Travis Duffly, Miranda Lambert, and Arthur Allen and Andi Allen. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Young discussed the liquor license situation. She wanted the committee to be aware that she believes Tanner Freiberg was not totally honest with the board. John Rea had gotten insurance for his business through Mr. Freiberg and was discussing buying the Wye Knot in Niota as it catches a lot of people from Iowa coming over and could be a money maker. The very next day Mr. Freiberg bought the building right next door to the Wye Knot. Mr. Freiberg had told the board that he had been in the process of buying this building since March. Ms. Young believes having a gaming business right next door to the Wye Knot would hurt business. Ms. Harnack says she is all about economic growth, but would like it to be thoughtful growth and not wherever we can get a dime at the expense of others. Is expanding liquor and gaming license the way we want the county to grow? Ms. Young believes there should be some distance between liquor establishments. Ms. Davis stated that Ms. Wilde-Tillman has sent the board members samples of liquor resolutions in the surrounding counties. Mr. Hanson stated this will have to go to full board.

At 6:40 a call was made to Ryan Jacquot with Farmhouse Meats. He stated they are trying to offset some of their energy costs with going solar. They do not have any land to put the solar panels on. He contacted some neighbors around the business and there are no lots available as they are strictly for commerce and jobs. He noticed the ambulance barn sits on some ground just south of the business and was wondering if we would be interested in 3 possible options. Farmhouse meats could purchase the land, they could lease the land, or they could lease the land and possibly build solar to offset electrical costs for our buildings. Mr. Rodgers asked how soon he would want an answer. He stated he would prefer to have it done in 2022. They have started the application process for certain things they need from the state of Illinois in hopes that it will go through and they will be ready. There is no exact date but 3 months would be ideal, so maybe September 15, 2022. Of course sooner is always better. They have applied for the money but cannot hit go on the ASRAD money until they have land so the quicker they know the quicker they can be put on a list. There is only a certain block of money for solar. Mr. Kreps asked if there was any interest in the ambulance barn? Mr. Jacquot stated possibly. He thought this would be an option to offset some money for the county. If they leased they would take care of

all the grounds. They are flexible and willing to negotiate. They use \$30,000-\$35,000 a year for electricity. The phone call ended at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Harnack asked if a liquor license could be added at any time? Mr. Hanson stated as far as he knows we can. Ms. Young and Mr. Rea left at 6:54 p.m.

Ms. Harnack stated when Adam Doellman was the temporary administrator for EMS she had talked to him on the phone about PACT Headstart renting a room in the EMS Building. He told her to talk to the person who would be in charge after him as he was temporary. She has spoken with Mr. Simon about it. She wonders what we would charge for rent? PACT Headstart needs an office for the person who handles the Hancock County area. No children will be present. Mr. Hanson asked how big the room is, 10 x 11 approximately. Ms. Harnack left at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Phillips asked if there was any opposition to this? Ms. Davis stated we are running out of room here, maybe we would need it. It was thought that the office space was too small for the stuff from the attic. Ms. Phillips believes we need to charge something to rent the room out. Mr. Finney stated the internet accounts for something. Ms. Phillips motioned to table, Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Ms. Lambert stated we have an agreement for Lori Sutton's professional services. Her contract needs extended. This will come out of Hancock County Public Transportation's budget. She estimated on the high end of \$2000. Mr. Hanson asked if the agreement started July 2021, yes it did. Next she has an extension of the agreement to assist Hancock County with administration. Ms. Mast is still working on this. She also needs to extend the agreement between Durham School and Hancock County Public Transportation. This is a 5-year contract annually renewable. Ms. Davis made a motion to send the 3 agreements to full board for approval. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Duffy stated there are 35 inmates of which 9 are females.

Mr. Rodgers asked if we need to revise the whole liquor license resolution. He agrees if Mr. Kreps that the number should be increased. Mr. Finney is not in favor of adding any. Mr. Hanson stated that in talking with other board members he believes it is split. There was further discussion on the issue. Ms. Phillips asked if it needed to be decided tonight? Mr. Kreps stated he told the gentleman from Quincy that he would have something done by next Tuesday. Mr. Rodgers made a motion that we leave the number of liquor license to the discretion of the Chairman of the Board. He trusts the chairman's judgment. Mr. Finney stated that we do not know who the next chairman is going to be. Mr. Finney made a motion to table the discussion of the liquor license pending more information. Ms. Davis seconded. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voted "aye". Motion carried.