

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE, IL, ON JUNE 13, 2022**

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman Pat Cramer at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Gary Stansbery, Katherine Phillips, Tom Rodgers, Andrew Asbury, Janet Fleming, Pat Cramer, and Delbert Kreps. Mr. Finney was absent. Visitors included John Simon, Sedena Jackson, Doug Diprima, Rachel Barnes, and Rachel Mast. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Simon gave the ambulance administrative report. Since April 2021 the volume of ambulance calls had decreased. Now over the last couple of months there has been a noticeable increase and we are continuing to see an increase. There were 108 calls in May 2022. We had 81 claims submitted equaling \$76,001.40 and received \$42,446.72 which was not associated with those charges. The treasurer's report stated we had revenue of \$46,048 and expenditures of \$48,642. Discussion was had about funding the ambulance. Money being generated through tax anticipation warrants, raising fees, and supplementation from general funds and ARPA was discussed. Mr. Simon stated he could take a look at the ambulance financials, but that would be above and beyond the contract and would cost \$12,500. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to request the board to authorize payment of \$12,500 to Adam's County EMS to work on the financials of the ambulance and give us an idea of where to go. Ms. Mast stated we could talk to Ms. Wilde-Tillman to see when the best time to put an increase in sales tax on the ballot. Mr. Asbury stated that we have not changed the tax levy for a number of years and if we move that number slightly it could make \$215,000-\$300,000. We will need to use the general fund or ARPA to address our financial needs. Ms. Fleming seconded the motion of Mr. Rodgers. A roll call vote was taken. Stansbery, Rodgers, Asbury, Fleming, and Cramer voting yes. Ms. Phillips voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Kreps stated that in the finance committee Mr. Menn had talked about the building commission buying the ambulance building but it has not been passed yet. Mr. Cramer stated we paid \$312,000 for the building. Mr. Asbury stated if the building commission buys it then we would not need to use ARPA or the general fund, but it would still take 60-90 days to get done.

Mr. Asbury made a motion to go to full board for a maximum amount of \$250,000 to cover tax anticipation warrants, the study from Adams County, and surplus cash for payroll out of the ARPA or general funds. Ms. Fleming seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Ms. Fleming wanted it noted that in 2018 the ambulance had a profit of \$35,496, in 2019 \$95,000, 2020 \$128,900, and in 2021 it was -\$174,000 because an ambulance was purchased and the board insisted on paying cash up front instead of utilizing a vehicle loan, and insisting on

paying off a \$30,000 line of credit. Ms. Mast and Ms. Jackson left at 7:31 p.m. Ms. Barnes and Mr. Diprima left at 7:33 p.m.

Claims were gone over. Motion to pay the claims was made by Ms. Phillips with Ms. Fleming seconding. All members present voted "aye".

Motion to recess until July 11, 2022, was made at 7:45 p.m. by Ms. Phillips. Ms. Fleming seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cramer, Chairman