

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON THE 21st of JUNE 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 Katherine Phillips. 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
Gary Stansbury	Katherine Phillips
Delbert Kreps	

Absent were: Stephen Finney and Andrew Asbury.

Visitors present were Aron Metternich, Kim Weaver, Maxamillion reps, Travis Duffy, Miranda Lambert, Travis Duffy, Elgin Berry, Rachel Mast, John Simon, Lynn Fisher, Dave Bierbaum, Joy Swearingen, Kris Pilkington, Doug DiPrima, Rachel Barnes, and Dale Bolton.

The Hancock County honored Dale Bolton for his years of service by presenting him with a plaque. They also honored Kerry Asbridge for his years of service. The board appreciates their service.

A motion was made by Mr. Cramer to approve the minutes of the May full board meeting, the Special Highway meeting, and the executive session portion of that meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Castlebury, roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the Highway Committee on May 27th, 2022. 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.

Ms. Davis asked Mr. Berry if there was any update on the Connable project and there was no update at this time.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to purchase a SUV for under \$30,000, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meetings held by the Finance Committee on June 9th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and roll call was taken, all members participating voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the Resolution for Tax Deed for the parcel 15-09-156-000. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried. Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the Hancock County Clerk to enter into an agreement with Fidar for Bastion, it was seconded by Mr. Menn. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to give Hancock County Economic Development \$25,000 to be used to benefit the Hamilton Industrial Park and their sewer and water project. It was seconded by Mr. Douglas. Ms. Fleming asked about taxes on the new construction by Dadant's and it was reported that would not be collectable until next summer. Mr. Menn stated there are other businesses that will bring in tax dollars from the industrial park. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Menn wanted to let Mr. Fisher from Hancock County Economic Development know that he believes Ms. Harnack is an asset to this county and that she is doing a great job, Mr. Fisher agreed.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve Keara Weber as signor on the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's accounts at Marine Bank and Trust and Fortress. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion, and a voice vote was taken with all members present voting "aye." Motion carried. Ms. Davis abstained.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips to approve the amendment to Lori Sutton professional agreement, it was seconded by Mr. Cramer. Mr. Menn asked if this had been reviewed by Ms. Mast. Ms. Mast stated she had reviewed the documents presented for approval by Ms. Lambert. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Macomb and Hancock County. Mr. Menn asked Ms. Lambert about accessibility to Hancock County residents for rides. Ms. Lambert clarified the ride schedule for in and out of the County. It was seconded by Ms. Phillips, roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the Amendment to Purchase of Services for Agreement for Operational Demand Response and Central Dispatch, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Kreps wanted to take this time to address the Liquor licenses. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to go from 5 liquor license to 10 licenses. Ms. Mast gave her interpretation of the resolution. It was decided that the changes to the liquor resolution needs to go before the entire board. Mr. Rodgers withdrew his motion.

Mr. Cramer presented the report of the meeting held by the County Health and Miscellaneous on June 13th, 2022. 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. Ms. Fleming wanted the minutes to reflect the word profit not revenue in the minutes regarding

ambulance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Phillips. On roll call, all members participating voted "Yes".

Mr. Rodgers spoke on behalf of Adams County providing a Financial Study for \$12,500. He believes the team did a wonderful job turning Adams County ambulance around and would like to see what suggestions they might have. Mr. Simon spoke on what the study would provide and the information they hoped to provide. He believes for Adams County to look at a long term agreement he needs this information to provide to his board. Mr. Simon believes this is the time to look at these financials to prepare for a new budget. The amount of this study would be subtracted if we enter into another agreement. The ambulance has 8 employees and would need 14 to be fully staffed. They have 2 full-time paramedics but need 5 to make this work. They are staffing 2 ALS rigs 60% of the time. Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the \$12,500 for the financial study and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call was taken with Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Fleming, Cramer, Bergmeier, Bollin, Davis, Stansbury, and Kreps voting "Yes." Phillips voting "No." Motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington left at 7:34

Mr. Douglas voted to table the agenda item regarding the ambulance and funds from ARPA and the general fund, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. A vote was taken by voice with all members voting "aye." Motion carried. There was some discussion on using ARPA funds to reimburse the ambulance on the LUCAS devices and where the County stands in comparison with other counties.

Mr. Kreps asked for any new business and Mr. Bollin stated the second payment to Bellwether for the consultation on ARPA funds need to be paid since we received our second payment. He made a motion to pay \$10,000 to Bellwether, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes." Motion carried.

Mr. Jacquot spoke on Farmhouse meats interest in the land south of the Ambulance building. They are looking to construct solar panels to help alleviate electrical costs. They are suggesting 3 options: purchase, lease or and electrical trade. Mr. Cramer asked if we have the ability to sell. Ms. Mast suggested forming a committee to answer questions regarding this. Mr. Menn made a motion to send this to a committee and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

The Hunt-Lima District has submitted a petition for Brock Yuskis and Chuck Miller for the appointment of temporary commissioner. Mr. Castlebury made a motion for both being qualified and it was seconded by Ms. Philips. All members present voted "aye." Mr. Kreps chose Mr. Yuskis as the temporary commissioner.

A motion was made by Ms. Fleming to adjourn the meeting until July 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Menn, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder