

MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON AUGUST 8, 2022

The meeting was brought to order by chairman Pat Cramer at 6:30 p.m. Committee members in attendance were Delbert Kreps, Tom Rodgers, Gary Stansbery, Katherine Phillips, Janet Fleming, Steven Finney, Andrew Asbury, and Pat Cramer. Visitors included Amy Hall, Doug Diprima, Jack Curfman, John Simon, John Rea, Mike and Diane Heisler.

Ms. Hall gave the report of the Hancock County Health Department. The dental clinic closed with the last day being June 15. They are currently looking for a dentist with the help of 3 different firms. She has been approved to get CPR mannequins to hold community CPR classes. Mr. Rodgers asked on the status of COVID. She explained that it is on the CDC website. We are currently at a medium level. There are COVID vaccine clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the health department.

Mr. Curfman went over his ESDA report. A replacement antenna was installed at the hospital and he attended an AMPLIFUND webinar on August 4, 2022. The ESDA amateur radio repeater problem has been fixed. He has an IEMA Region 6 meeting in Quincy on August 9 regarding the CO2 pipeline. He has been having email issues. Mr. Curfman asked who is responsible for downed tree limbs and weeds on county property? There was discussion about the Adopt-A-Lot.

Ms. Fleming discussed the electronics disposable at the county highway department. We pay WIRC \$6000-\$7000/year for this service. The health department pays \$1500/year for this service. Ms. Hall stated it is only on Fridays until 3 or 3:30 p.m. Anyone from the community can bring in electronics and paint. Mr. Curfman stated it is closed on holidays. Ms. Fleming stated this is a nice service and she did not know if people knew about it.

Mr. Simon presented the EMS report. He stated that 48.8% of the time we are staffed with 2 ALS units. There was discussion on calls, collections with Gem City and renting 2 buildings. They have talked to the landlord who was wondering where their rent check has been. Mr. Simon stated that they had asked for a contract but has not had any invoices sent to him. We need to be evaluating what the contract states and who is in charge of maintenance. They are spending \$7200/year in rent plus utilities. It would be a savings but removing Hamilton would mean losing an ambulance in a populated area. He thinks it is doable to go down to 1 ambulance station but there is a large volume of calls on the west side of Hancock County so there is a challenge as to where the perfect spot for the ambulance station.

Ms. Fleming asked when the study will be done? Mr. Simon stated the financial study will be done next month. Mr. Rodgers asked if it would be better if Camp Point took over the southern end of Hancock County. Mr. Simon explained about the ordinance relating to Hancock County Ambulance Services. He does not know the intent of legislation when they drafted this. Essentially It gives the county board the ability to regulate the type and number of services that provide ambulance transportation in Hancock County. He had spoken with Ms. Mast about this who stated suggested in her perspective it was up to this committee to move it on to full board for consideration. Mr. Finney made a motion to send the ordinance relating to Hancock County Ambulance Services to full board. Mr. Cramer seconded. Roll call vote was taken with Stansbery, Finney, Cramer voting yes and Phillips, Rodgers, Fleming, and Asbury voting no. Motion denied.

Mr. Simon would like the committee to pass a policy stating that part-time and per diem staff to work a minimum of 12 hours every 30 days to remain on the active EMS employee roster. If they fail to meet this requirement for 60 days they will be notified by letter that they must increase participation or this will result in separation of employment. Ms. Phillips made a motion to pass this policy, Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Mr. Rodgers asked if we needed to talk about the dog situation? Mr. Heisler stated this is why he came to the meeting tonight. Conversation was had on the Warsaw dog situation. Mr. Heisler was present to discuss. There was discussion on Mr. Wright and his duties and the county's role.

Mr. Finney made a motion to pay the claims, Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted "aye". Motion to recess until September 12, 2022, was made by Mr. Finney with Ms. Fleming seconding. All members present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cramer, Chairman