

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE
COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON OCTOBER 28, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:34 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Bergmeier, Wayne Bollin, Harry Douglas, Dennis Castlebury, Delbert Kreps, and Patsy Davis. Mr. Menn was absent. Visitors included Elgin Berry, Laura Kent Donahue, Rachel Mast, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Mast called attorney Joseph Murphy on the phone regarding the pipeline litigation. Discussion was had regarding intervening and the ultimate potential outcome. There is a 5% secondary role in intervening by figuring out the least impactable way to route through Hancock County. If a pipeline leak occurs we could end up with a carbon dioxide cloud which travels to low-lying areas and displaces air. It causes people to have breathing problems or not being able to breathe at all. Any gas-powered vehicle will stall so emergency responders cannot evacuate residents. He is representing Christian County and McDonough County in the intervention. How the bill is split between the counties is up to them. Navigator filed a petition the end of July 2022 and the commerce commission has 11 months to make a decision. The financial impact on the community and dangers were discussed. The landowners will be compensated for tile restoration, crop damage, land restoration. The main focus of this litigation is public safety. The initial cost to file is \$500-\$800. Mr. Murphy stated this is an uphill battle.

Ms. Kent-Donahue talked about the Satartia leak and how Navigator will go 1-2 feet below anything in the field. Soil replacement was discussed and how the damage in fields are at least another 50 feet from the pipeline no matter what soil replacement has been done. She stated they are prepared to use ultimately use eminent domain. There are over 5000 miles of pipeline. A motion was made by Mr. Castlebury to take action on a resolution authorizing filing a petition to intervene in the pipeline litigation. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

A special meeting will be scheduled for November 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Navigator will be there to speak.

Claims were gone over. Motion to pay the claims was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

A motion was made to approve the resolution to expend County Motor Fuel Tax Funds by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted aye.

The resolution for county federal-aid matching tax fund was explained by Mr. Berry. A transfer of \$4000 from a county non-highway fund will need to be made. This is to restore eligibility for the county to receive State Matching Assistance for federal-aid projects in the approximate amount of \$205,000. This will be taken out of the 2022 general fund budget. It was explained that they will raise the tax rate from 4.2 next year. Motion to pass the resolution for county federal-aid matching tax fund was made by Mr. Douglas. This was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted aye.

The salt prices have not been released yet. Motor Fuel Tax lettings for 2023 will be held on November 21. The Connable Road Widening and Resurfacing project was discussed. Klingner and Associates turned in their preliminary plans. They will need 17 right-of-ways. The county clerk waves the recording fees for the county. Mr. Berry is applying for the FY 2024 Truck Access Route Program. If this is approved this will bring in \$414,000 that can be used towards construction.

Motion to pass the highway budget was made by Mr. Castlebury. Mr. Bergmeier seconded it. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to pass the County Trustee Resolution Quit Claim Deed for parcel #10-22-001 with Situs Cultivation, LLC. Mr. Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to pass the levy ordinance for the tax year 2022 pertaining to ambulance was made by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye.

Discussion on the GEMT reimbursements was made. We owe \$15,000 from the year 2020 participation. This will be sent to Health and Miscellaneous. A claim will be made.

Motion to recess until November 29 at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman