

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING HELD  
IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE  
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON OCTOBER 25, 2022**

Vice Chairman Andrew Asbury called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance included Gary Stansbery, Stephen Finney, Tom Rodgers, Janet Fleming, Katherine Phillips, and Andrew Asbury. Absent was Pat Cramer. Visitors included John Simon with Adams County EMS, several members of the community, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to go with proposal option #1. Ms. Fleming seconded this motion.

Members of the community gave their opinion of wanting to keep the ambulance service in Hancock County. It was asked if first responders could help operate the ambulance until it is fully staffed. Mr. Simon said that this would be up to Dr. Solera with Blessing Hospital. The Adams County command team is not interested in running 2 different businesses. They would prefer not to do business past January or February 2023. If Hancock County is interested in a private consulting contract Mr. Simon stated he would do that on his own and not through Adams County EMS.

Hancock County will come up with an ambulance board which would likely comprise of a nurse who runs the emergency department at Memorial Hospital, an EMS employee, a banker, a business man, and 1 person from Health and Miscellaneous. Ms. Asbury thought having a person from each district on the board would be helpful so we have all of the county covered.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "aye". Motion carried.

A job description for advertisement needs to be put together and sent to Ms. Mast for approval. Job requirements should include verifiable experience, some public sector experience, experience with budgets and revenues. Opposition regarding the ambulance ordinance was discussed.

Motion to recess until a special meeting on November 2, 2022, was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Fleming. All members present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Vice Chairman