

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY
OF CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Delbert Kreps at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Hanson gave the invocation, and the clerk lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present in person were: Delbert Kreps, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Mark Menn	Patsy Davis
Tom Rodgers	Tom Bergmeier
Gary Stansbery	Harry Douglas
Janet Fleming	Mark Hanson
Katherine Phillips	Wayne Bollin
Stephen Finney	Andrew Asbury
Dennis Castlebury	

Absent was Pat Cramer. Mr. Finney arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Visitors included Mr. Simon, Ms. James, Judge Clark, Miranda Lambert, and several members of the community.

Mr. Bergmeier made a motion to approve the November minutes and special meeting minutes. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

There was public comment regarding why Augusta and Bowen fire districts were combined on the ambulance advisory committee. Mr. Asbury stated that they just wanted a representative from that district, not necessarily the fire district itself.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the highway, road, and bridge from September 29, 2022. She 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. Mr. Bergmeier seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Mr. Berry asked what fund the money was being transferred out of as it needs to be a non-highway fund. Mr. Bollin made a motion to pass the resolution to expend County Motor Fuel Tax funds, Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bollin to pass the resolution for Federal Aid Matching Fund. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the reports of the finance meeting held on November 10, 2022. He 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 with Mr. Bergmeier seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 13 members present voting "yes", and Mr. Finney abstaining. Motion carried.

Mr. Menn made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2023, levy for tax year 2022, and ambulance levy for tax year 2022. Mr. Castlebury seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to put a \$0.25 referendum on property taxes on the April 2023 election was made by Mr. Menn. Ms. Phillips seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Ms. James is working on the wording so it is clear to the public that it is for a total of \$0.25 and not adding this to the current \$0.10.

Mr. Asbury motioned we go with a line of credit for the EMS for 6 months up to \$200,000 specified as payroll and operating expenses. Mr. Menn asked that instead of a line of credit that we pay off the tax anticipation warrants off and then redo the tax anticipation warrant. This is so the county does not have to pay. Mr. Asbury withdrew his motion. We will pay the tax anticipation off out of the general fund and then reborrow a portion at the December 5 meeting with

tax anticipation. Once we finance this then we will pay back the general fund. A motion that the county board take funds that it needs to pay off tax anticipation for the 2022 fiscal year and return it prior to the new board being seated, and the old board would reissue tax anticipation for the 2023 year and put this back in the general fund was made by Mr. Menn. This was seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to accept the bid from Rasmussen/Dittmer for \$65,000 as the conflict public defender with Mr. Hanson seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Judge Clark asked about the opioid settlement and if we would consider giving the drug court fund some or all of it. They use this fund for job placement, job training, transportation, and child care. He will report back to the committee how the money has been utilized. Mr. Bollin made a motion to give the opioid settlement to the drug court fund with a quarterly report of how the money is being used. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to pass the resolution for capital improvement for election tabulation and Mr. Finney seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion to pass the resolution for a hazard stipend to all full-time, hourly county employees was made by Ms. Davis. All costs will be covered. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with 13 members present voting "yes", Mr. Finney abstaining, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson presented the report of the meeting held by building and grounds on November 15, 2022. He 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. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. There was discussion on putting the ambulance building up for bid versus an auction. With the auction fees, it may not be as financially beneficial. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to accept the public transportation agreement between Hancock County Public Transportation and Mental Health Centers was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Ms. Phillips. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to accept Ramsey Financial's proposal for cyber liability for \$1,000,000, worker's compensation, and commercial insurance was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to put the ambulance building up for sealed bids with the stipulation that it be leased back to the county for up to 5 years at a price to be determined by the full board. This was seconded by Ms. Davis. Roll call vote was taken Menn, Castlebury, Douglas, Rodgers, Hanson, Finney, Bollin, Davis, Asbury, Stansbery, and Kreps voted yes, Bergmeier, Fleming, and Phillips voted no, 1 absent.

Mr. Asbury presented the report of the meeting held by health and miscellaneous on November 14, 2022. He 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. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session regarding personnel was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Davis at 7:28 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with 12 members present voting "yes", and Rodgers and Fleming voting "no". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to move out of executive session and Mr. Douglas seconded at 7:56 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas motioned to amend the resolution to a quarterly period with the salary of \$1566.33/month for the period of December 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023. There will be a discussion with Mr. Wright regarding the description and understanding of the job. Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

There was an amendment to the advisory committee for EMS. The words 5 fire protection districts be substituted with the words 5 members from the general public with every effort to get an even distribution over the county. Mr. Menn made a motion to establish an advisory committee for EMS for up to 5 members and for those members to be from the tax paying area of the district. Ms. Fleming seconded. Ms. James will put together samples of what the terms and conditions will be. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Menn would like to thank the outgoing board members. They have had a lot of issues and discussions throughout the years. Mr. Kreps has been the chairman of the board for 6 years directing the board to be a better county. Mr. Kreps was given a plaque.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Bollin with Ms. Fleming seconding. All members present voted "aye". Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk