

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Bergmeier, Harry Douglas, Dennis Castlebury, Patsy Davis, Wayne Bollin, Mark Menn, and Delbert Kreps. Visitors included highway engineer Elgin Berry, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

The claims were gone over. There were 53 claims totally \$236,203.32. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the bills, Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

There is a petition from Harmony Township Road District for Hancock County to pay half of the local share of costs to replace a bridge at 1140N/1900E. It is estimated to be \$18,000 local share. Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the petition, and Mr. Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the engineering agreement with Klingner and Associates for replacement of a bridge in the Harmony Township at 1140N/1900E. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Berry stated that each year he recommends having a weight restriction of 4 tons per axle on Township and County highways in Hancock County for 90 days during spring thaw. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the resolution to Establish a Temporary Weight Restriction for 90 days during the spring thaw of 2023, Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

It was recommended to accept the quotations submitted for bid letting held on November 28, 2022, for county and township aggregate materials and hauling. These products will be obtained as needed from various locations in and near Hancock County from all producers based on the lowest-hauled cost. A motion

was made by Mr. Bergmeier to accept the bid letting from November 28, 2022. Mr. Bollin seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Berry stated that the older rural reference signs through the county are difficult to read and are fading. He recommends start a program to upgrade these signs to 6" lettering on a 24" x 9" green blank sign. The program will take 3-5 years to complete. He will be working with the township road commissioners to prioritize the most urgent locations. The first year he will start with county and state roads and have each road commissioner tell him of 15 locations that are the most urgent to be replaced, and continue on yearly after that. Mr. Douglas made a motion to replace the rural reference signs with Mr. Bollin seconding. Mr. Berry stated he believes it costs \$40/intersection for materials and \$40/intersection for labor. All members present voted aye.

He has hired 2 new employees to replace 2 resignations. They start December 1 and December 5, 2022.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to recess until December 29, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Bergmeier seconded this motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman