

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JANUARY 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance included Patsy Davis, Harry Douglas, Steve Finney, Mark Harrison, Michelle Merritt, Andrew Asbury, and Mark Menn. Ryan Weeks was absent. Visitors included Laura Donahue, Amy Hall, Jack Curfman, Mike Wright, and Aaron Feagain.

Ms. Donahue extended an invitation to the committee for a Navigator Emergency Services meeting which will be held in Mount Sterling, IL, on January 12 at 5:30 at the KFS. A light dinner will be served followed by the meeting.

Ms. Hall explained to the committee what her job entails at the Health Department and all of the services they provide. They have an 11-member board consisting of 1 dentist, 2 doctors, a county board member and 7 other members who are appointed. They provide teaching at schools for smoking cessation, eating disorders, STDs, and nutrition. They deal with well water, septic systems, restaurants, and communicable diseases. They provide a CPR class once a month on a Thursday. They also have a fitness room that is available for free to the community with a doctor's excuse.

Mr. Wright informed the committee of his job as the animal warden. He covers all of Hancock County. He deals with animal abuse. He went to Kansas City for euthanizing training. Ms. Sadeghi used to help with dog rescue and now he works with someone out of Cedar Rapids. He takes pictures of the dogs, figures out the age, what sex, and sends them to rescue. He brought in paperwork that he will fill out and send to the committee monthly to let them know what has been happening.

Mr. Curfman gave his ESDA report. One-on-one mitigation meetings are in progress. He checked with towns to see where the warming centers are. There is 1 in Carthage, 1 in West Point, 1 in Bowen, 1 in Warsaw, 3 in LaHarpe, and 0 in Hamilton. He went to Niota for a once-a-year tour and training on the anhydrous tank. There was a 4-hour Regional Behavioral Health Consortium meeting on December 15, 2022. There are ESDA meetings every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Feagain introduced himself. He started as the EMS director on January 2, 2023. There will be a sign over on the 6th from the Adams County. Staff wise there are 5 medics and 5 EMTs. There are 3 full-time medics, and 2 part-time medics, 4 full-time EMTs and 1 part-time EMTs. He has had several people who had quit say they would come back after the 16th. He is

thinking about having an EMT class if there is not an influx of applications. He is thinking of a new schedule for the employees so overtime goes down.

Mr. Feagain went over the EMS report. This shows 74% of their calls were transferred to a facility, 20% were not. Monday and Fridays are the busiest days. Their turnaround time averages 30 minutes, half of the calls are under 18 minutes. On average it takes 2:16 minutes to get to the rig and on the road. He will be having all of the trucks serviced and have a complete inspection done. He would like to know the life expectancy of the rigs. He is meeting with the state on January 5 to see what the EMS is lacking/needing. There was talk of pay increases, and paying for experience.

The advisory board was discussed. There is a list of people who the committee will get in touch with to see if they would be interested. Mr. Asbury would like to have a list of members to bring in front of the board on January 17, 2023.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Finney moved the claims be approved. Ms. Davis seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Davis made a motion to recess until February 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. This was seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman