

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY  
OF CARTHAGE ON THE 29TH DECEMBER 2022**

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by the Chair Patsy Davis.

Those present were: Mark Menn, Dennis Castlebury, Alex Blythe, Tom Rodgers, Wayne Bollin and Patsy Davis. Steve Lucie entered the meeting at 8:34 A.M.

Ms. Davis welcomed Mr. Berry.

Members of the board went over claims and expenditures to be paid by the Highway department. Mr. Berry explained a few claims to the members. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the claims presented, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin.

Mr. Berry explained the funds for County highway for the benefit of the new members. He gave an overview of the accounts and how he would present that information each month. He went into how the County manages MFT for townships. Mr. Berry presented three resolutions to be passed on to full board.

Mr. Blythe made a motion to approve and send to full board the Resolution for Pavement Preservation on 1.73 miles of Tioga road and 8.12 miles of the West Point Road and 4.08 miles of Stillwell Road, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe made a motion to approve and send to full board the Resolution for replacement of the bridge where C.H. 3 crosses Deer Creek approximately 0.5 miles north of Burnside, it was seconded by Mr. Bollin. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie made a motion to approve and send to full board the Resolution for replacement of the bridge on T.R. 170 where it crosses Big Meadow Ditch approximately 2.3 miles south of Carthage, it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Ms. Davis asked for Mr. Berry to update the committee on the Connable project. He explained the plan and where the funds will be coming from. The members had a few questions

regarding guidelines and road closures. Mr. Bollin stated this is the heaviest road traveled in Hancock County.

Mr. Bollin requested that Mr. Berry once again look at putting a bus stop sign on Koechles hill. Mr. Bollin stated he believes it to be dangerous because there is a short window of visibility to see the bus stopped. Mr. Berry has to approve the sign placement on all signs in Hancock County and is concerned with sign fatigue where drivers no longer look at them if too many are placed on roads. Mr. Lucie asked if signs are ever retired when they are no longer needed and Mr. Berry stated it is on his list to check in with schools on this.

Mr. Menn gave an update on the EMS, a director has been hired. Aaron Feagain will begin January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. He will be meeting with crews on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If any board members have recommendations for the EMS advisory board please let Mr. Menn or Mr. Asbury know. Board members cannot advise on the tax referendum for EMS but the Advisory board can educate the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie to recess the meeting until January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. It was seconded by Mr. Bollin, and it carried. The meeting was recessed at 9:29 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patsy Davis  
Hancock County Highway Committee Chair