

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON JANUARY 17, 2023**

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Alex Blythe. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk. Roll call was taken.

Members present included:

Mark Menn, Chairman
Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Mark Hanson	Tom Bergmeier
Tom Rodgers	Steve Lucie
Steve Finney	Mark Hanson
Dennis Castlebury	Andrew Asbury
Patsy Davis	Wayne Bollin
Alex Blythe	Michelle Merritt

Absent was: Mark Harrison and Harry Douglas

Visitors included: Samantha Harnack, Bobi James, Aaron Feagain, Elgin Berry, and several members of the community. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Bergmeier moved that the December minutes, December reorganizational minutes, and January committee minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Harnack spoke regarding the Broadband Deployment Grant Program. This is a 16-week program. They will send out a survey to farmers, rural residents, and rural businesses. This will offer a clearer picture of what needs to be done. She encouraged the board to spread the word to help aid in these efforts. Mr. Menn challenged all board members to help Ms. Harnack out. It is vital for the county and for the future of the county to get broadband. Ms. Harnack left at 6:40 p.m.

IT was at the meeting to help and members if they had issues on their tablets or with emails.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the highway, road, and bridge from December 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. Weeks made a motion to approve

the minutes, Ms. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Menn asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to expend federal surface transportation program funds for the Tioga, West Point, and Stillwell roads, resolution to expend federal surface transportation program funds for the Burnside-Durham Road, and resolution to expend federal surface transportation program funds and township bridge program funds for the Harmon Township Bridge. Ms. Davis made this motion with Mr. Bollin seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the finance committee on January 12, 2023. 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. Lucie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion to pay \$25,000 to Hancock County Economic Development towards the Hamilton Industrial Park sewer project was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Mr. Hanson. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin moved we approve the email proposal through Microsoft for \$6200. This is a change from \$3100. They had misquoted IT about the price. Mr. Asbury seconded. This will enable us to be in compliance. We will also gain 50% more storage. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie made a motion to the amendments to the health care plan. There are 3 changes on the health plan. One is specialty drugs and infusions are now covered, there is maximum allowable charge language and the MaxiPlan benefit is raised to \$2000. This was seconded by Mr. Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson presented the report of the meeting held by the building and grounds committee on January 10, 2023. 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. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to approve the Resolution Opposing Illinois General Assembly HB5471 with Mr. Blythe seconding. This is to give more support to the sheriff and states attorney. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury moved to pass the Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate for the EMS building. Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. All 3 years of the lease will be paid ahead and taken off the purchase price. If a bid is less than 80% it can be declined. A roll call vote was taken with Merritt, Davis, Rodgers, Lucie, Blythe, Bollin, Hanson, Weeks, Castlebury, Asbury, Menn and Finney voting yes. Bergmeier voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury presented the report of the meeting held by the health and miscellaneous committee on January 4, 2023. 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. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James gave an update to the CO2 Pipeline mitigation. We have paid our second bill. McDonough, Hancock, and Christian counties are being represented by Meyer-Chapel. Navigator is to reply to the initial motion this week. They have received 11 easements out of Hancock County. There is a likelihood that Navigator could use eminent domain. Ms. James believes we are just trying to change the route of the pipeline.

Mr. Asbury moved we pass the resolution for Animal Control to get a credit card with Ms. Merritt seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The need for a weed control superintendent was discussed. The Department of Agriculture would like an annual report filed. Ms. James is putting together a bullet point program for this. Mr. Lucie was appointed to be the weed control superintendent by Mr. Menn. This would entail sending letters to residents who have noxious weeds. The Department of Agriculture started enforcing this in 2016.

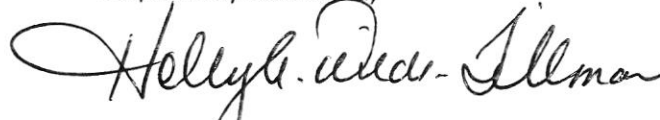
It was brought to Mr. Menn's attention that there is a surplus of items in the attic and closets of the courthouse. Office holders have been asked to get a list of these items and declare what is surplus. Mr. Castlebury moved that the office holders get a list of surplus property with Mr. Asbury seconding. Voice vote was taken with all members present voting aye.

Mr. Menn appointed Mr. Lucie and Mr. Rodgers to the WIRC with no term limit and Mr. Asbury to the Hancock County Health Department for a 3-year term.

Ms. James informed the board that Mr. Wright had a phone call regarding some horses. After 10 violations the judge can order the animals be impounded. We now have to figure out where to go from there. It is at the expense of the county to feed and board the horse. Law enforcement serves the citation and Mr. Wright picks up the horses. She will stay in touch with health and miscellaneous regarding this situation.

Motion to recess until February 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly A. Wide-Tillman, County Clerk

