

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by chairman Andrew Asbury. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Patsy Davis, Michelle Merritt, Mark Harrison, Steve Finney, Andrew Asbury, and Mark Menn. Absent was Ryan Weeks. Visitors included Doug Diprima of EMS, Mike Wright of Animal Control, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Wright went over his animal control summary. He will now use his incident reports for the committee to look over instead of the spreadsheet. He was given the updated job description to look over. He had some questions about it. He was concerned about it stating cats, rendering aid to animals, the animal adoption program, being available 24/7, and the word terminated. The main concern is that he is able to resolve who is the owner of the animal. There is no current adoption program. He has the dogs sent out of the county. He stated that when he is not available he lets the sheriff know if it is for an extended period of time. He has someone come and feed the dogs while he is gone. Animal disposal was discussed. A motion to approve the Resolution Appointing the Animal Warden from March 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023, was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Davis. All member present voted aye. Mr. Wright left at 6:56 p.m.

Mr. Diprima was at the meeting to give the EMS report. He says EMS is going in the right direction. They hired 3 full time and 1 part time employees. Two started orientation and are now starting to do training on the truck. There were 103 calls last month, 14 cancellations, 26 refusals, 62 transports, an average of 3.3 calls per day. Of those transports, 20 went to Blessing, 1 to Hannibal, 38 to Memorial Hospital, and 2 to Springfield, IL. Shoot time average is 2 minutes. Carthage is manned 24/7. Hamilton is an average of 3 days a week. Billing reports are being turned in sooner. Mr. Feagain has all but 12 reports caught up. There was \$127,259 billed and \$42,516 was received.

There was discussion on the 4 ambulances that EMS has. Various repairs are needed on all rigs to get them up to working order. Heart monitors are past their end of life. They do not make the batteries for these anymore. Stryker gave a quote for 2 new monitors of \$98,000 which includes a service plan. It was asked if we could buy refurbished monitors. Mr. Diprima stated that some of some stuff was duplicated on the quote and some stuff could be removed. The batteries for the life packs are needed. These cost \$519/each. The newest batteries for these packs are from 2019. Mr. Douglas moved that EMS purchase 2 batteries for the life packs. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

EMS is talking to Memorial Hospital about stocking narcotics instead of having to go to Blessing Hospital. They are working out a billing issue from their supplier. They will match the pricing of Blessing Hospital.

The ambulance advisory board was discussed and their role in providing support for Mr. Feagain and getting the word out about the referendum. Mr. Asbury has contacted Ms. James to see what the board is able to do in regards to the referendum.

A motion was made by Mr. Finney to pass the resolution for taxing districts with parcel #06-22-151-014. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

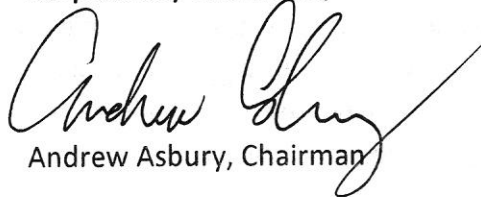
A motion was made to go into executive session by Mr. Douglas at 8:01, Ms. Merritt seconding. All members present voted aye.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Ms. Davis at 8:10. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

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

Mr. Douglas moved to recess until March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Finney seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Asbury, Chairman