

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING OF THE
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE
COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON MARCH 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Hanson. Members in attendance included Ryan Weeks, Tom Rodgers, Steve Finney, Michelle Merritt, Tom Bergmeier, Mark Hanson, and Mark Menn. Steve Lucie was absent. Visitors included Judge Rodney Clark, Brian Stevens, Miranda Lambert, Sheriff Travis Duffy, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Judge Clark describes to the committee drug court, how it works, what they do, etc. It is required by law for each county to have drug court. There is a grant that funds the 9th circuit and is administered through the probation department. There is a fund for the opioid settlement which can be used for transportation, education, etc. The drug court money is funds paid into the system by tickets. These funds can be used for gas cards, working on mind, sole, and body, prescriptions, etc. There are 4 phases of drug court which lasts 1-1/2 years. The public defender, states attorney, judge, counselors, and officers have a conference on a weekly basis.

Ms. Lambert presented the 5311 and DOAP grants. These are the same grants which are signed each year. The DOAP pays 65% of expenses. The other 35% comes from the 5311 grant and local matching contracts. Motion to move these on to full board was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Stevens talked to the committee about the Farm Bureau. There is a resolution that is nonbinding. It just shows that we support agriculture. Ms. Merritt moved the resolution in Support for Illinois and Hancock County Agriculture with Mr. Finney seconding. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Dedeey needs to run a cable from the states attorney's office to the treasurer's office. This costs about \$300. He would also like to clean up the wires in the closet on the third floor by purchasing a network rack costing about \$160. Motion to approve the purchases was made by Mr. Bergmeier. Mr. Rodgers seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy gave the sheriff's report. They are down 4 vehicles. He would like to take 4 of these to the Sullivan Auction and put that money into the vehicle allowance line item. There is a white Ford Explorer at Carson Ford for \$39,002.26. He has a Durango on order which will be at least a 4 month wait. Talk of putting a new motor in the 2016 Durango was discussed. There was discussion on using some of the CARES money. Mr. Finney motioned Mr. Duffy purchase the Ford Explorer from Carson Ford with Mr. Rodgers seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The jail has 17 inmates. The longest resident of the jail is now in Springfield St. John's. They have 2 deputies at his door taking 12-hour shifts. He informed the committee about the All Call system. He has spoken with Mr. Dedey about this who stated it looked like a legit software package.

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

Motion to recess until April 11 was made by Mr. Finney, Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Hanson, Chairman