

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE
CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Castlebury gave the invocation, and the clerk lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present in person were: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Ryan Weeks	Harry Douglas
Dennis Castlebury	Tom Bergmeier
Mark Hanson	Stephen Finney
Patsy Davis	Wayne Bollin
Andrew Asbury	Steve Lucie
Alex Blythe	Mark Harrison
Tom Rodgers	

Absent was Michelle Merritt.

Visitors included Bobi James, Shelby Crow, Laura Donahue, several members of the community, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting. Mr. Lucie made a motion to approve the January full board, February minutes, and health executive session minutes. Mr. Finney seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

A letter from Sam Harnack was read to the board regarding the funding towards the Hamilton sewer project. Shelby Crow from the Extension Center informed the board of their programs. The fair will be July 10-13 this year. Ms. Donahue told the board that Heartland Greenway and Navigator withdrew their application but are refileing it.

Ms. Davis gave the report of the meeting held by the highway, road, and bridge from January 30, 2023. She moved the report be approved, recommendations of the committee be concurred in, and the reports be placed on file with the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

There is no action on the Niota Drainage District as of yet. Mr. Berry cannot get in touch with Mr. Sparrow. Motion to approve the bituminous material bids was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Blythe. 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 February 9, 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 the meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury made a motion for the public defender's office to have a credit card, Bergmeier seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to set a debt ceiling of \$200,000 for EMS with Mr. Blythe seconding. It was discussed to postpone this decision to a later date. Rodgers and Blythe recanted their motions. Mr. Hanson made a motion to hold off on the resolution for a debt ceiling of \$200,000 for the EMS until the April 18, 2023, at the full board meeting, after the sale of the building and the April election to see if the referendum passes. Douglas seconded it. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bollin to accept the ordinance of the amendment to the budget appropriation and tax levy for FY 2022. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson presented the board with the report of the building and grounds meeting from February 14, 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 the meeting. Finney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Agreement between Hancock County Public Transportation and Carthage Memorial Hospital was made by Lucie and seconded by Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

There was discussion as to whether the previous motion to reimburse employees for air evac was covered for future reimbursements. It was decided that they would go ahead and make a motion that would cover all reimbursements to employees for air evac for future years. This motion was made by Weeks and seconded by Harrison. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury made a motion to construct a wall with a door at the EMS building, Hanson seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.