

**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.

The report of health and miscellaneous meeting of February 6, 2023, was presented by Mr. Asbury. 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. Feagain is working on a grant that should have been completed in 2021. It was also not completed in 2022. He is needing various claims to get this turned in. The normal turnaround for Medicare/Medicaid is 30 days. Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the resolution to appoint Michael Wright as the animal control warden until November 30, 2023, Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion to approve the purchase of 2 battery packs for EMS Life Packs was made by Finney and seconded by Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion to approve the resolution for taxing district #06-22-151-014 was made by Bergmeier and seconded by Finney. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. James updated the board on the pipeline opposition. We have received the third bill from Meyer-Chapel. Somebody initiated the opioid settlement money and we received \$22898.36. As for the EMS building sale she let the board know that at the building committee we decided to pay the lease bi-annually rather than off the top of the sale price. A flier can be put together for the advisory board or any other organization to make sure they have accurate information as far as the ambulance referendum is concerned. No county funds can be used for this.

Navigator contacted Mr. Bollin and wanted to meet with the board to see if they would sign an agreement. He contacted Joseph Murphy in Champaign who said to not sign anything and do not meet with them. The vice chair of Citizens Against the CO2 Pipeline would be willing to come and speak to the board.

The opioid settlement and how the money can be spent was discussed. Judge Clark is going to come speak to the board about how the drug court money is spent. This is designed for body and mind to give citizens something useful to do with their spare time.

Mr. Menn appointed Ms. Pilkington as the contact person for the opioid settlement. This was moved by Davis and seconded by Hanson. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the appointment of Tom Hansen, Joe Clarke, and Robert Thurman to the Oakland Cemetery Trustees for a 3-year term, Lucie seconded. All members present voted aye.

Davis moved the appointment of Tammy Dighton, EJ Pullins, and M. Keith Bruns to the West Point Fire Protection District Trustees, seconded by Finney. All members present voted aye.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Dr. Max Rodeffer, Tim Parrish, Brenda Allen, Raigan Brown, and Samantha Harnack to the Ambulance Advisory Board by Mr. Finney, seconded by Asbury. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until March 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Finney, and seconded by Davis. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk