

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

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Ryan Weeks, Patsy Davis, Mark Harrison, Mark Menn, Andrew Asbury, and Michelle Merritt. Absent was Steve Finney and Harry Douglas. Visitors included Amy Hall, Mike Wright, Jack Curfman, Aaron Feagain, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Wright gave the Animal Control report. He had a question about if he was gone for a few hours if he needed someone to cover him. Mr. Menn informed him that as long as he gets to the incident within 24-48 hours it should be okay. If he is going to be gone for several days then he will have somebody take care of the pound. Discussion on setting up a Animal Control Facebook page was discussed. This way he would no longer get messages on his personal Facebook Messenger. It would direct them to his phone number and email. Ms. Swisegood will speak with Mr. Dedey about getting an email set up for Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright pays someone \$20 a day plus mileage to cover the pound. It was discussed that next year we will have this added to the budget so Mr. Wright does not pay out of his own money.

Ms. Hall gave the annual report for fiscal year 2022. There are no clinics going on as of right now. They give immunizations during the week. She is looking to recruit a dentist. Covid is not a necessary immunization to enter school.

Mr. Curfman presented the ESDA report. February 8 was the IEMA quarterly meeting. The email migration went smooth and he is now receiving emails as soon as he signs on. He received a letter from IEMA extending accreditation until June 30, 2025. There was an IEMA Mitigation Plan webinar on February 28, 2023. There are some trees down on county property. He would like to receive bids to see how much it would cost to get these cleared up. He was advised to proceed with getting bids.

Mr. Feagain passed around the HRSA grant letter he drafted. This is due March 21 or 26. There were 103 calls, 8 cancelled, 94 were billable. All of February bills are processed. There is \$47,543 in checking as of today. The response time is less than 2 minutes. He informed the committee of the fleet and their mechanical issues. He has been presenting the tax referendum at different community events. He met with the advisory board on Friday and they will meet again on Wednesday. Calvin Quesenberry got in touch with Mr. Feagain and asked if the ambulance would be available for the Hancock County Fair. It was decided that there would be a crew at the fair, and will charge them what payroll would be for the hours of service.

It was asked if Mr. Feagain thinks there is any space he would be able to give up if the new owner needs it. He stated that he may have a few offices that he is not using. This will need to be discussed with the County Attorney.

The state gave EMS a grant for \$30,000 to use for a parking lot. We will need to extend the deadline for using this money. It has to be building related. It was asked if it could be used for the wall and door they were wanting to construct. WL Miller and Patterson asphalt have resubmitted bids since the prices have increased.

Motion was made by Ms. Davis to move the April meeting to April 5 at 6:30 until after the election. This was seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Ms. Merritt moved they be approved with Mr. Weeks seconding. All members present voted aye. Motion to recess until April 5 was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman