

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE
COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON
APRIL 5, 2023**

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

Ms. Tillman discussed her fee study that Bellwether had done for her office. It is required by law to run a fee study to change fees. New laws have come in to place with the state and there will be an increase in the RHSP fee by \$9 so this is the best time to change fees. She needs to have this posted for 60 days prior to July 1. She needs to send notifications to all the lawyers, title companies, banks, etc. The county is well below other counties on fees they charge. Resolution to have Ms. Wilde-Tillman increase the revenue in her office by all services rendered was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will take this to finance to also review on April 13, 2023.

Mr. Curfman gave his ESDA report. There has been exercise planning drills in March and April and severe weather and flood plain webinars he has attended.

Mr. Feagain informed the committee that he had 113 phone calls, 105 are billable. Two trucks were available 86% of the time. There is \$330,543 to be collected. Bad debt is being sent to Gem City Account Services. EMS has an agreement with Memorial Hospital to restock our narcotics. This way their trucks can be stocked continuously locally and on the same day. They will charge us 10% more than their costs. There is a transportation agreement coming soon with Memorial Hospital. They will kick in some funds to the county for this service. They are asking we facilitate transports Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., as long as we are available, and at our discretion. The union contract is now open and are discussing the 2023-2026 terms.

There was an incident where the Carthage PD had someone pulled over who was acting erratically and in thinking they were having a diabetic issue the ambulance was called. The ambulance crew assessed the patient, the patient refused transport. There was a \$250 no transport fee which the patient refuses to pay. Discussion was had regarding this.

Motion to approve the agreement with Memorial Hospital to handle narcotic restocking for EMS was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

An intergovernmental agreement was discussed between Hancock County EMS and Lee County EMS. If either ambulances need to go to the other county they will bill us the minimal

Medicaid/Medicare rate. Mr. Feagain would like to have a similar arrangement with Nauvoo, LaHarpe, Lifeguard, and Adams County. He was advised to take it to Ms. James to look over and bring it back to Building and Grounds on April 11.

Mr. Wright was late getting to the meeting. It was discussed with him that we would like to get him a phone just for county use. Motion was made to get Mr. Wright a cell phone by Weeks and seconded by Ms. Davis. All members present voted aye. He did not have his monthly report. He will get this to Ms. Swisegood who will email it to the committee.

Mr. Menn updated the committee on the sale of the ambulance building. The committee has met with Mr. Jacquot. We counteroffered \$360,000 and the county would release it back after 2 years, we would pay \$25,000 per year.

Claims were gone over. Ms. Merritt moved the claims be approved with Mr. Weeks seconding. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman