

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE
CITY OF CARTHAGE, APRIL 18, 2023**

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Tom Bergmeier. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk. Roll call was taken.

Members present included: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Mark Hanson	Tom Bergmeier
Steve Lucie	Alex Blythe
Harry Douglas	Patsy Davis
Michelle Merritt	Wayne Bollin
Andrew Asbury	Ryan Weeks

Absent was: Mark Harrison, Steve Finney, Dennis Castlebury, and Tom Rodgers.

Visitors included Drew Ryan, Bobi James, Aaron Feagain, Travis Duffy, Judge Rodney Clark, Matthew Thor, Elgin Berry, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting. Mr. Lucie made a motion to approve the April minutes, March full board, and executive sessions. Mr. Weeks seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Judge Clark introduced the public defender Matthew Thor. He is from Orion, Illinois, and went to Western Illinois for his undergrad. He is looking forward to working with everybody. Judge Clark invited everybody to the graduation of Nick Dixon from drug court. He has embraced sobriety and to maintain a clean and sober Life. The graduation will be held in the 3rd floor courtroom on May 3 at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Menn read a letter of proclamation honoring Ada Bair and Memorial Hospital on their Award for Outstanding Rural Health Organization.

Mr. Bollin gave the report of the meeting held by finance, fees, and salary held on April 13, 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 this meeting. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Drew Ryan from ES&S spoke to the board about the newer DS200 voting machines. He has partnered with the county for 30+ years. They are sunsetting the machines that are currently being used which was purchased in 2005. The DS200 machines cost \$7000/each. There are new security parameters with the software. New soft cases cost \$500/each which we will keep our hard cases we currently have. We can continue to use our Ballot-on-Demand. Ms. Davis moved to approve the purchase of the newer election machines for \$181,005 from ES&S. Mr. Douglas seconded. This does not have to be bid because it is a used product. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The sale of the EMS building was discussed. Mr. Dittmer will do the title work and Ms. James will prepare the deed. Motion to sell the EMS building to Ryan Jacquot was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Mr. Weeks. Mr. Bergmeier informed the board of why he would prefer not to sell. The building commission will come to finance to take over the lease payment and expense of the EMS building. A roll call vote was taken with Bergmeier voting "no" and Hanson, Asbury, Bollin, Weeks, Douglas, Lucie, Menn, Merritt, Blythe, and Davis voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie motioned to approve the IGA between Hancock County and Lee County EMS. Mr. Asbury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury motioned to approve the narcotics agreement between Hancock County EMS and Memorial Hospital with Mr. Bergmeier seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Weeks to allow the sheriff to purchase a Durango for \$42,007. Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury motioned to allow Ms. Pilkington to subsidize EMS payroll and bills from the general fund. Ms. Merritt seconded. This will be taken from the general fund and be reimbursed from the sell of the building. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis gave the report of the meeting held by highway, road, and bridge held on March 30, 2023. There was discussion about Mr. Gavillet and a low water crossing. Ms. James will prepare a letter to Mr. Gavillet. She moved the report be approved, recommendations of the committee be concurred in, and the reports be placed on file with the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Blythe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bollin to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Oil and Chip Spread - A.C. Pavement Striping lowest bid of \$1,106,508.34
- b. Liquid Asphalt to Townships – W.L. Miller lowest bid of \$696,580.00
- c. Culverts up to 48” Diameter for County – Metal Culverts, Inc for \$49,748.20
- d. Culverts over 48” Diameter for County – Metal Culverts, Inc for \$14,536.80
- e. Culverts up to 48” Diameter for Townships – Metal Culverts, Inc \$129,423.40
- f. Culverts over 48” Diameter for Townships – Metal Culverts, Inc for \$34,876.40
- g. Culverts Type 7 for Townships – Metal Culverts, Inc for \$49,496.80

Mr. Weeks seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Davis moved the approval of agreement of understanding with IDOT. This was seconded by Mr. Weeks. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer \$180,000 from County Bridge Fund to the County Highway and then transfer back after tax receipts have been deposited was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson presented the report of the meeting held by building and grounds on April 11, 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 this meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Asbury gave the report of the health and miscellaneous meeting held on April 5, 2023. reports be placed on file with the minutes of this meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas moved to pass the resolution to increase the fees of the Hancock County recorder, Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Ms. Merritt to approve the Resolution increasing fees of the Hancock County Clerk. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. James gave an update for the CO2 pipeline and the fire arms suit. Surplus will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Bill Shanks to the Nauvoo FPD as Trustee for a 3-year term, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. George Salrin to the Dallas City FPD as Trustee for a 3-year term, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Tony Koehler to the Warsaw FPD as Trustee for a 3-year term, Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Davis motioned to approve the appointment of Dr. Michael Ottney to the Hancock County Board of Health for a 3-year term. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Asbury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Ms. Davis motioned to come out of executive session at 8:43 p.m., Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted "aye".

Ms. Merritt presented the provider appreciation day she would like us to adopt. A proclamation will be made for May 12, 2023, to be proclaimed Provider Appreciation Day. Ms. Merritt motioned this be approved, Mr. Weeks seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Blythe motioned to recess until May 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk