

MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON ON MAY 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Patsy Davis, Michelle Merritt, Steve Finney, Mark Menn, and Ryan Weeks arrived at 6:52 p.m. Absent was Mark Harrison. Visitors included Mike Wright, Amy Hall, Jack Curfman, and Aaron Feagain. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Hall let the committee know of the Community Health Needs assessment that the hospital wants done every 3 years. This includes mental health, physical health, and cancer. We will continue to do Covid tests as long as we have cases. Ms. Hall left at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Wright spoke of the drain that needs fixed in front of the animal control building. This is a concrete pad with dual wall plastic cut in half and mortared in at the top. The mortar is broken loose, chipping away and water is going behind it. He will look around to see who can fix this and the cost. He had a bite incident and needs to get a copy of his paperwork to the insurance company. The owner of the dog is paying her medical bills. The dog was current on its rabies shot. He would like to look into dogs running at large in unincorporated areas. Mr. Wright left at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Curfman presented the ESDA and flood plain report. The forecast states that the river will crest at 20.2 feet on Wednesday and start receding. The Mitigation plan should be ready for review at the end of August. He has had several drills, meetings, and webinars that he has attended. Mr. Curfman left at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Feagain gave the EMS report. The union contracts are underway and going well. They had 119 calls, 107 are billable, 11 charts are out from April 28. There was \$61,176.40 deposited, \$51,265.41 contractual write off. There was bad debt of \$4340.45. There is \$324,910.30 out for collections. There is \$61,000 in collections greater than 128 days. He has a court case to go to on May 9 regarding a bill that was sent to somebody in 2021 who had passed away. The wife does not think she should have to pay the bill because it was her husband's ambulance bill and not hers. Discussion regarding the LaHarpe Ambulance Service ensued. Mr. Feagain has a list of what he would like would like to see in a building. A garage to house 3 ambulances with drains in the floor to allow for the rigs to be washed internally year round, automatic doors, store rooms for equipment, at least 4 sleeping rooms, an office, conference/meeting room, kitchen, 1-1/2 baths, laundry facility, flag pole, easy access to the roadway, lighting, driveway for 6-8 cars. There is an ambulance advisory committee meeting next week. The narcotics agreement is in effect today with Memorial Hospital. There is a tentative transfer agreement with Memorial Hospital. This includes \$150,000 for Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Further discussion ensued.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Douglas motioned the claims be approved, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Mr. Douglas moved we recess until June 5 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman