

MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Dennis Castlebury, Tom Rodgers, Alex Blythe, Mark Harrison, Patsy Davis, Wayne Bollin, and Steve Lucie. Visitors included county engineer Elgin Berry and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Claims were gone through. Motion was made by Mr. Blythe to approve the claims with Mr. Bollin seconding. All members present voted aye.

A joint application for the creek forge in Prairie Township was submitted to Illinois DNR, EPA and US Army Corp of Engineers. This is still in the works.

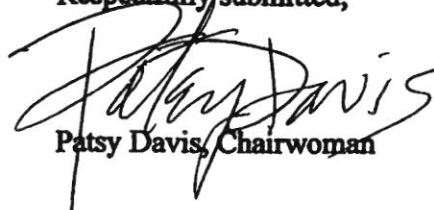
The Connable Road project was discussed. Utilities have been determined to be all clear. The landowners with easements have been notified. Discussion on postponing the project until spring 2024 was discussed. They will close off a mile at a time for 7 days at the longest. Bid letting will take place October 2023 which will lock in the prices.

Discussion of a culvert in Basco being plugged from the straw that was placed after the road work was discussed. Mr. Berry will get this taken care of.

The EMS contract is being negotiated. A labor attorney is being retained to go over the paperwork. Stewart Law Firm out of Springfield is \$250/hour. Motion to approve hiring Stewart Law Firm was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Lucie moved to recess until May 30 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Harrison seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patsy Davis, Chairwoman