

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON MAY 16, 2023**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m.
The invocation was given by Mark Hanson. The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, Clerk

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

Visitors included Sam Harnack, Aaron Feagain, and several members of the community.

Mr. Bergmeier moved the May minutes and April full board executive session minutes be approved with Mr. Douglas seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Ms. Davis stepped out during the vote.

Ms. Harnack gave a presentation and slide show regarding the need for broadband in Hancock County. She was very pleased that 512 households participated in this survey. Mr. Rodgers of Hancock County, Jay Griswold from MTC, and Ellen Henderson from Carl Sandburg all played valuable roles in this survey. This information is on the Economic Development website for more information. There will be grants from the State and Federal governments, and the Economic Development will support those applying for those grants. This survey will give them a head start in the application projection.

Mr. Menn apologized to Memorial Hospital, the Board, and the community. He was asked to go to the hospital to give a proclamation recognizing their award for Outstanding Rural Health Organization. He had another meeting that day and forgot to go. He congratulates them for their accomplishments.

Mr. Bollin presented the report of the meeting held by the finance committee on May 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. Mr. Asbury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Blythe for the addendum to be added to page 3 of the Mutual Medical plan regarding injectables, Mr. Weeks seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The EMS union contract was discussed. There were a couple questions that Ms. James had. One being that there are no part-time positions but in the contract it stated part-time throughout, should this be changed to per diem? This contract would go into effect June 1, 2023, if passed. It was motioned to move this to a special board meeting on May 30, 2023, at 8 a.m. by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The Building Commission was asked to takeover the lease payments, expenses, utilities, researching, and locating a new EMS facility. This motion was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Lucie asked if by doing this if we give up our authority as to the location of the ambulance base. It was explained that this will be decided by all parties involved. The building repair was done by Mr. Hopp to reseal the boot. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Weeks to deem the metal voting machines as surplus and have each township dispose of them. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Mr. Castlebury moved that the unused office equipment be deemed surplus for disposal, Ms. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin moved that the resolution as trustee for taxing districts #13-19-898-000. Mr. Bergmeier seconded the motion. 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 ground on May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. 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. Rodgers seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis motioned for repair of the roof on the EMS building, Mr. Lucie seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt moved that the IGA between the City of Macomb and Hancock County Public Transportation be approved, Mr. Asbury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James gave the committee an update on the pipeline litigation. Discussion ensued regarding future plans of Mr. Murphy regarding the litigation.

Ms. Asbury gave the report of the meeting held by health and miscellaneous on May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. 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. Weeks seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the report of the meeting held by the highway committee on April 27, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. 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. It was seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury motioned using Stewart Law Firm for the EMS union contract. Mr. Lucie seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie would like to see the social distancing signs be taken down and will speak with the sheriff.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the appointment of Steve Haney to the Blandinsville-Hire FPD for a 3-year term, Mr. Bollin seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the appointment of Tyler Sellens and Debbie Limkemann to the Board of Review for a 3-year term. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Asbury moved to approve the appointment of Mark Burling and Steve Bolton to the Farmland Assessment Review for a 3-year term. Mr. Hanson seconded. All members present voted aye.

The meeting was then moved to the courtroom to watch a video of the aftermath of the roadwork done in Basco. The water is not draining well. There is water running in buildings. The ditches cannot be mowed. The drain is higher than the sidewalk. Phoenix built as designed by Poepping, Stone, Bach, and Associates. Mr. Berry co-signed off on the contract completion. He suggested putting a flat cone so debris passes through and the water can drain. Dallas Rural Water has agreed to participate in fixing this. Tuesday night at 6:30 there will be a town hall meeting in Basco. The board was encouraged to attend.

Motion to recess until May 30, 2023, at 8 a.m. was made by Ms. Merritt, Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk