

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

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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

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| 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