

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY
OF CARTHAGE ON THE 30th of May 2023**

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The meeting was called to order at 8:27 p.m. by the chair Patsy Davis.

Those present were Alex Blythe, Mark Menn, Steve Lucie, Tom Rodgers, Dennis Castlebury, Wayne Bollin, Mark Harrison, Patsy Davis and Harry Douglas.

Visitors Elgin Berry, Bobi James, Danny Earls, Lenny Etter, Randy Etter, Aaron Feagain and an EMS employee. Ms. Wilde-Tillman was in attendance to take minutes.

Mr. Berry gave an update on the situation in Basco, there are a lot of moving parts. He spoke of DRWD regarding the fire hydrant. They meet on Thursday to consider options. Mr. Earls stated the village is not willing to give up access of the driveway entrance. Mr. Berry spoke to PSBA regarding inlet, and it was put in according to plans. He believes it is a design error and estimates it will cost \$5-10,000 to fix. He believes the firm needs to accept responsibility. Mr. Lucie asked how that happened over our watch. Mr. Berry stated that it is hard to see with bad plans. There was discussion on liability of where we stand. Mr. Bollin thinks we should pay for this if the firm does not.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to assume cost on inlet repair from design error at 14 East Main St. if contractor does not and was seconded by Mr. Castlebury, all those present voted aye. Motion carried.

The discussion moved to Nicor and the sidewalks. Mr. Berry also asked about possible exchange of dirt work and sidewalk. Conversations moved to ditches, surface water, storm sewer, mowing ditches and what was previously there. It is to be noted ditches are draining so there is no sitting water which will harbor mosquitoes. Mr. Lucie asked about communication between village and county when this was began. Ms. Davis asked how this project began with Mr. Berry. Mr. Earls said he had brought out the plans. Mr. Earls showed him the water was running incorrectly, which should have put a red flag on project. Mr. Earls said communication was difficult during the project with Mr. Berry. Lucie asked about possible fixes. Ms. Davis welcomed Donna Hurt. Mr. Rodgers stated that he thinks all of this needs spelled out exactly in simple terms and that we agree on what fixes it permanently. Mr. Harrison gave a possible fix after his investigation. The question was asked what the village would be willing to do, and they have a meeting coming up and it will be discussed. Mr. Lucie asked what it might cost to embed sewer pipes and Mr. Berry gave a possible estimate of \$15,000. Mr. Lucie suggested the County hiring labor and village purchasing pipe. Mr. Berry had more questions that would need answered for the project to proceed. Ms. Davis asked if this was a possible remedy that the village might entertain? Mr. Rodgers asked why we took on this project in the beginning? Mr. Berry explained this was to make the road for 80,000 lbs.

It was decided to put the Basco road on the Finance agenda for more discussion. Castlebury would like the Village of Basco, Ms. James, and Mr. Berry to work on details of an agreement together, and this

needs to be done as soon as possible. Lucie said there needs to be some legwork done, and he would like to see Mr. Berry assist them.

Mr. Etter spoke regarding damage to personal property. Mr. Lucie stated we assume liability if we start reimbursing and asked if there had ever been issues before? Mr. Etter stated no. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Etter to provide the County with an itemized list of the value of personal property.

Mr. Earls discussed the manhole at 13 East Main St. and 15 East Main. Berry has ordered a new one and it is coming. Ms. Davis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lucie, Mr. Berry and the Village of Basco will work on details to be brought to finance, county attorney, and then to full board.

Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve the claims and it was seconded by Mr. Blythe. All those members present voted "aye" and claims will be taken to full board for payment.

Mr. Berry asked that the board declare T-27 as surplus property for sale at Sullivans. Mr. Bollin made a motion to declare T-27 as surplus property and it was seconded by Mr. Lucie. All those present voted aye and motion passed.

Mr. Bollin asked about status on Connable project. Mr. Berry stated Mr. Dittmer is working on title opinions. It would be late summer before we can start at this point. Mr. Bollin wants to make sure there is a lot of double checking that we look at plans on slopes, so we do not run into issues. Mr. Berry said the ditches will be steeper. Mr. Lucie believes there needs to be a lot of communication. Mr. Lucie asked who the blames coming down to on the Basco project? Mr. Berry stated it is his department, so it is ultimately his. Mr. Lucie appreciates that and thanks him for working with Basco.

Mr. Castlebury moved to recess until June 29, 2023, at 8:30, seconded by Mr. Blythe and all those present voted "aye." Meeting recessed at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis
Highway Chairwoman