

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY
OF CARTHAGE ON AUGUST 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by chairman Mark Hanson. Members in attendance included Ryan Weeks, Tom Rodgers, Tom Bergmeier, Michelle Merritt, Steve Lucie, and Mark Menn. Steve Finney was absent. Visitors were Sheriff Travis Duffy.

Mr. Menn stated Mike Heisler would like to discuss with the full board about hiring an architect for the new EMS building.

There was discussion regarding out-of-state companies buying taxes on a property and if there are any laws in place regarding residency. Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the resolutions as Trustee for the Taxing Districts. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn stated Ms. Wilde-Tillman has insurance bid packets for insurance companies to obtain. There have been 2 companies take out bid packets.

Discussion ensued regarding wind energy in Hancock County. Are there any rules or regulations? Setbacks were discussed. Mr. Weeks moved to take this to the full board to start the process on developing rules and regulations in the county for windmills and 90-day moratorium. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Sheriff Duffy stated there was another deer versus truck incident.

Mr. Menn stated Navigator contacted him and told him the union would be coming to the public hearing on August 22. Mr. Menn informed him that this meeting is only to see how much tax payer money the citizens of Hancock County would like to spend on the pipeline litigation and not regarding if somebody is for or against the pipeline.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Bergmeier moved to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until September 12 was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson, Chairman