

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT
THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JULY 18, 2023**

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COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:33 p.m. The invocation was given by Wayne Bollin. The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

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

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

Visitors were welcomed.

Mr. Weeks moved the July minutes, Executive and Special Meeting minutes be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

John Coulter informed the board of a home in Tioga that has burnt. The previous owner is currently squatting in the home. There are 16-inch rats running around. There is no running water at the home. Ms. James will see if he has a right to be there. She will reach out to the health department and see what can be done.

The check from Memorial Hospital for the ambulance transfers from the last 6 months has been deposited into the general fund for reimbursement of the new ambulance.

Mr. Menn read a letter from Judge Clark regarding the opioid money. He stated gas cards are being purchased.

Mr. Menn recognized the electric companies and all of their hard work and dedication in getting electricity restored.

Wisheart Trucking was thanked for their service getting the ambulances from California to Carthage. His work was greatly appreciated. It is people like Rob Wisheart who make Hancock County a special place to live.

The pipeline litigation was discussed. Navigator has a lot of information they do not want to share. The judge will make a determination what information will be required to be released and what can be left quiet. The finance committee will need to discuss how to proceed forward. We have already spent close to \$34,000 out of the \$40,000 allotted. It was decided to have a public hearing after the next full board meeting on August 22 at 7:30 to find out at what point they want us to stop, how much money they would like us to spend.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman discussed the ElectionStats quote she had received. This takes election results of Hancock County and the company compiles it and puts it into a report that is searchable. An individual can search by precinct, race, election, etc. To do elections from 2018-2023 it costs \$4200, elections from 2006-2023 costs \$6909. It then costs \$3000 annually to maintain and add any new elections. This should help alleviate some FOIA requests. This is a great way to preserve records. The consensus of the board was to go back to 2006.

The committee minutes were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt motioned to approve the consent agenda with Mr. Castlebury seconding.

- A. Disaster Declaration.
- B. Opening of Insurance Bidding
- C. Appointment of Patsy Davis to Western Illinois Regional Council

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Recognize Electrical Providers in Hancock County Illinois was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Merritt seconded. Mr. Menn reiterated how important and instrumental they were to the county. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Weeks needed a paper signed for the use of a gator during the Hancock County Fair from Martin Tractor. Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated she would need to speak with Ramsey Financial about this and get in touch with Mr. Weeks.

Frontier stated they had a phone line in Wythe Township that was cut 2 years ago by Hancock County. They had sent a letter stating the county owed them \$11,000. The township stated they did not do any work there. Ms. James called Frontier and the employee she spoke with stated she will dismiss this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman,
County Clerk