

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON  
AUGUST 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Patsy Davis, Mark Harrison, Michelle Merritt, Harry Douglas, Steve Finney, and Ryan Weeks. Visitors included Bobi James, Mike Wright, Jack Curfman, Amy Hall, and Aaron Feagain.

Mr. Wright is going to look into a deep freeze at Quincy Appliance. Eric Shuman was wanting to put a bid in on the concrete work. He has spoken with Jeff Dedey about helping him with his county email. He is planning on attending his budget meeting. He will add a line item for an assistant when he is gone. Motion was made by Ms. Davis for Mr. Wright to increase his impound fee to \$20 and \$15 a day. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. This fee doubles for repeat offenders.

Ms. Hall informed the committee that they have a batch of mosquitoes that were positive for West Nile Virus. Ms. Davis asked her about the Tioga incident. Ms. Hall stated there is nothing the health department can do other than educate the individual about cleanliness. There was further discussion regarding what can be done. It could take months to condemn the property if it goes through the court system. The residents of Tioga need to start pressing charges against the individual. Ms. James will write a letter to Clear Vision, LLC, regarding the condition of the house.

Mr. Curfman presented the ESDA report. He attended the final mitigation planning. There was a meeting regarding the storm damage on August 2.

Mr. Feagain gave the EMS report. They had 119 calls, 109 are billable, 19 cancels, 10 refusals. They have the new laptops in the ambulances to enter charges. There was \$138,825 billed out, collected \$58,985.30 collected, \$72,951 in write off. He has had 2 refunds totally around \$900. Mr. Feagain talked to the committee regarding his thoughts about next year's budget for EMS.

He is 2 medics short but is holding a spot for an employee going through paramedic schooling. He will be purchasing a monitor this year and would like to buy 1 or 2 in the next year. He would also like to buy the software for inventory in the next year. He got a rough bid for the construction at the sheriff's building which was \$600,000-700,000. Further discussion regarding this ensued. He will be changing oxygen suppliers to go to aluminum tanks. Mr. Feagain has the new ambulance titles in hand. He is in the process of getting the titles transferred and the ambulances licensed.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Ms. Davis at 8:18 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye. Motion to come out of executive session was made by Ms. Davis at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over and motioned to approve was made by Ms. Merrit, seconded by Mr. Finney. All members present voted aye. A motion to recess until September 6, 2023, was made by Mr. Douglas. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman