

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE  
ON JUNE 29, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:32 a.m. Members in attendance included Dennis Castlebury, Tom Rodgers, Alex Blythe, Wayne Bollin, Mark Harrison, and Mark Menn. Steve Lucie was absent. Visitors included Elgin Berry, William McCleery, Jr, attorney for Charles Gavillet and his wife.

Mr. McCleery presented a proposal to the committee regarding replacing a bridge that was removed in 2017. It was stated that this is a township bridge and not a county bridge so it should be presented to the Prairie Township. He stated he was told by Ms. James to present it to the board. Ms. James stated since Mr. Berry was involved in the closing of the bridge that is why she told him to make a proposal to the highway committee. Further discussion regarding bridges and the point system that is used to determine which township is eligible for a bridge. Mr. Berry will send a response to the proposal documenting what is not true.

There was talk of UTVs and if there is a liability to the county. Sheriff Duffy stated they have very few complaints of UTVs being erratic. He does not think this will generate a tremendous amount of revenue.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Castlebury moved that the claims be approved with Mr. Blythe seconding the motion. All members present voted aye.

The Connable Road project was discussed. The whole project now needs a special waste screening. The stop signs at highway 136 will need to be moved out to widen the intersection. The plans will be redrawn. This is due to the grant we received for \$414,000. The highway department air conditioner was charged but it is leaking. Mr. Berry received 2 quotes to replace this. He accepted the lowest quote from Duffy Ducts for \$7380.

The Basco project has been signed, sealed, and delivered. All the easements for the Connable Road have not been received. Mr. Berry will get in touch with Mr. Dittmer.

Motion to recess until July 28 was made by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman