

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

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

Mike Wright was not able to come to the meeting so Mr. Asbury gave the animal control report. Mr. Wright told him that he would have his animal reports to Ms. Swisegood by September 1 which did not happen. This needs to be turned in before the health committee meeting monthly. He got the deep freeze replaced. He is still waiting on a concrete bid. Printy Funeral Home gave him a quote of \$50/animal for the new crematory. Mr. Douglas stated that he and Ms. Davis went to see the animal control facility. It is not a people friendly environment. Further discussion regarding animal control ensued. Documentation needs to be done for liability purposes. Is the county required to have an animal control officer? Could the Carthage dog catcher be paid to go and take care of the facility. It was discussed that the 2 sheriff canine officers would split the duties of animal control officer and have somebody take care of the facility. Mr. Douglas will talk to the states' attorney and the sheriff to see what our options are and come up with a plan.

There was a short discussion regarding COVID and liability/responsibility.

Mr. Curfman gave the ESDA report. His meeting with Dave Wooten was rescheduled to September 19. The Community Organization to Assist after Disasters is meeting on October 10 in Dallas City. IPWMAN met on August 14 in West Point. This is an insurance for each township to sign up for to get mutual aid in case of a disaster. The mitigation plan was submitted to IEMA. It will then go to FEMA for final approval. Once it gets approved a resolution will need to be passed at full board. Each community that was involved in the mitigation will also accept a resolution. This will then be in place for 5 years. Mr. Curfman put in his resignation for both ESDA and Flood Plain to be effective November 30, 2023. Adopt-A-Lot in Niota was discussed. There are about 25 lots that the county has acquired from the flood of 1993. Mr. Menn stated the county board owes Mr. Curfman a lot of gratitude for the last 20 years. Motion to accept Mr. Curfman's resignation was made by Mr. Finney and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain presented the EMS report. They had 129 calls, 122 were billable, 7 canceled. There were 20 treatment with no transport, 2 were sent with another unit, 2 were flighted, and there was 1 DOA. There is 20% left to collect on taxes.

Both of the new ambulances are out of service. Both are high pressure fuel pump failure. Mr. Feagain got in touch with Truck Site who we bought the ambulances from. They sent \$7500 to use for repairs. They would like fuel samples. Further discussion ensued regarding this.

The ambulance crew was backing into the Hamilton base, it was dark out. They hit the fascia of the building. The fascia and corner stripping needs to be replaced. It is felt that a driver's education class would be helpful.

An ambulance employee fainted at a restaurant, was transported to the hospital, and given fluids. There was coaching done.

ADT states that EMS opened up an account after John Simon got the first one closed. Mr. Feagain stated he asked for proof of who signed for the new account. He was told to give ADT the states' attorney's phone number and to send further correspondence to her. It was suggested to Mr. Feagain to email Ms. James and copy the board stating he is turning the ADT problem over to her to handle it legally.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Douglas moved the claims be approved, Ms. Davis seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until October 2 at 6:30 p.m. was made by Ms. Merritt. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman