

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON
AUGUST 30, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by chairwoman Patsy Davis. Members in attendance included Dennis Castlebury, Wayne Bollin, Steve Lucie, and Mark Menn. Absent was Tom Rodgers, Mark Harrison, and Alex Blythe. Visitors included Elgin Berry, Ryan Weeks, and Ryan Phelps.

Mr. Weeks asked about the closure of county road 480. It is understood that the bridge needs replaced but it is baffling why it is the first week of September with harvest season starting. There are less than ideal routes around the bridge. It should be out for 75 working days. The county contractors move pretty fast but it does need time to cure. Mr. Berry can only run 1 major project at a time since there is only 1 technician. He will look into a temporary crossing.

Mr. Phelps from Klingler and Associates was in attendance for any questions concerning the Connable Road project. The road will be widened to 24 feet along with a shoulder. It will start at the Ferris road going South to Highway 136. This is an 80 working day project. Further discussion ensued regarding the process.

There was discussion regarding updating of the policy manual. Mr. Berry has revised this. Motion to approve the new policy manual was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye.

County road chipping is done. Townships have not started.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Lucie moved to approve the claims. This was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye.

The Corp of Engineers informed Mr. Berry that they do not want to see rip-rap in the stream bed for the creek crossing for Mr. Gavillet. He will change this and then the Corp will approve it. Then it will be up to the township road commissioner's discretion to move forward.

Mr. Lucie told the committee that Trent Loos will be having an informative meeting at the winery on September 28 regarding the Navigator CO2 Pipeline. The county will review the litigation every 90 days to determine if we are still on board.

Motion to recess until September 28, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Bollin. Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman