

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON  
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

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

Mr. Wright gave the animal control report. He has an appointment with Jeff Dedeey to set up his new phone with his email and Facebook page. He has a company from Mount Pleasant that comes and gets his dogs out of the freezer for \$50/dog or \$65 for a dog over 65 pounds. Eric Shuman sent Mr. Wright a bid for \$3500 for the concrete work that needs to be done at the animal shelter. He will tear out the old and hand form a concrete drain. Motion to accept the bid of \$3500 from Mr. Shuman was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Weeks. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Motion to approve the animal control report was made by Mr. Weeks. Ms. Davis seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Hall informed the committee of a glow walk that Carthage had. The next one will be October 15 at 7 p.m. in LaHarpe. This is to help motivate exercise and better health. October is breast cancer awareness month. Any woman between the age of 21 to 64 who has no health insurance of a high deductible and lives in Illinois is eligible for free cancer screening at the Health Department. If anyone is interested they can get in touch with Marla Jacquot or Marilyn Fox. On October 13 there is a football game between Illini West and West Hancock which will be a pink out game. Mr. Weeks asked if Ms. Hall could give him information regarding the Hancock County Health Board, what are their qualifications, how long they have been on the board, etc.

Mr. Curfman gave the ESDA report. He had a meeting with Dave Wooten on September 19 regarding record keeping/disposal. There is a COAD/LTRC meeting on October 10. The mitigation plans last installment is due. We should receive reimbursement some time for this. Mr. Curfman met with Adan Rodriquez about small business loans for anyone who has had storm damage. The TRAMMO safety tour was September 25. Motion to approve the health department report and the ESDA/flood plain report was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain presented the EMS report. There were 134 calls, 123 billable, 86 were transported. Shoot time out the door is 2 minutes and 10 seconds. Response time is 11 minutes. There was extensive discussion regarding the LaHarpe ambulance service and helping them when needed. Rig wise truck 14 was reinspected and reinstated, 30 is up and running. One of the new rigs was taken to Ursa. They found 2 shop rags in the tank. Truck Site was contacted regarding this. Mr. Feagain asked for the maintenance report on the rig. This truck was back in service but then wouldn't run again. Cody Horn inspected it and said the DPF was totally clogged and will not regenerate. It is going back to Ursa. It also got a rock chip in the windshield which will need to be replaced.

Ms. James is writing a letter to send to Truck Site or the U.S. Government to see who is going to pay the bill. These 2 ambulances were sold as clean vehicles. The bill from Ursa will be \$20,000-30,000, the exhaust filter will be \$3500, and then replacing the windshield. Mr. Feagain is going to hold off on buying any monitors.

He is having an oxygen issue that he is working on resolving. He asked his vendor if they could supply aluminum tanks and they said no. He found a company who can provide a cascade system and aluminum tanks but he found out that he has a 3-year contract with ILMO which needs a 12-month notice for termination.

A state letter of commandment needs to be renewed. This has not been done since 2017. Mr. Feagain plans to renew this with the same as we have now, the same coverage area, same roster, different trucks.

There will be a large bill for towing. Right now it is at \$1100 but they will need to tow a rig back to Ursa so this may be closer to \$1500. He will also have a bill that is 1 year and 2 months behind. The electronic bill has been going to Adams County who did not inform us.

Ms. James is in contact with ADT and having email conversations regarding the contract.

There was a PTO glow run in Hamilton. The EMS crew was asked to be present in case of an emergency. The crew was at the finish line cheering runners on. Motion to approve the EMS report was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Weeks seconded. All members present voted aye.

Animal control was discussed. Ms. James told Mr. Douglas that we are not required to have a county animal control person. The current animal control is not turning his reports in on time to review at the health meetings. Motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Douglas at 7:38 and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye. Motion to leave executive session was made by Mr. Weeks at 8:13, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to advertise the position of animal control was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye.

Motion to advertise the ESDA position was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Finney motioned to approve the claims. Mr. Weeks seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney motioned to recess until November 6, 2023, with Ms. Davis seconding the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Committee Chairman