

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD  
IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON THE  
12TH DECEMBER 2023**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m by Mr. Bergmeier. Members in attendance were Tom Bergmeier, Mark Menn, Michelle Merritt, Tom Rodgers, and Steve Lucie. Those absent were Mark Hanson and Steve Finney.

Mr. Duffy gave a report for the Sheriff's office. They currently have 15 inmates. The thought was as the census went down the expense of food would also decline but with the price of food it has not. They are going to explore other options. The board believes using the current credit card would be the best option for paying for groceries that cannot be charged. It was discussed that his limit needed to be increased. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to increase Mr. Duffy's credit card limit to \$7,500, it was seconded by Mr. Lucie. Roll call was taken with all members present voting "Yes."

Mr. Duffy reported that the new cars are in. They are retiring the Tahoe because the transmission went out. They will try to sell parts off it before getting rid of it. They are working on the bill with Memorial Hospital and inmates' insurance while they are in custody.

Mr. Menn stated that Bellwether had said the Warsaw contract was reviewed and the board could proceed but felt it could be negotiated. Mr. Duffy was going to include new numbers and would bring the contract to Finance on Thursday.

There was discussion on the Wind and Solar ordinances. Ms. Wilde-Tillman asked the board who she should direct people to when inquiring on the ordinances. Mr. Rodgers made a motion that no permits would be issued while they are inquiring and developing a process, it was seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted "aye." The board asked Ms. Wilde-Tillman to check with other counties and it would be discussed at the next meeting in January.

Mr. Bergmeier presented the handbook on policy. Mr. Lucie made a motion that they accept the handbook, and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted "aye."

Ms. Wilde-Tillman explained the IPRF grant from workers compensation. It was decided to offer it to the Highway department. Ms. Merritt made a motion to allow highway the grant and it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers, all members present voted "aye." Ms. Wilde-Tillman will talk with Mr. Berry how it can be used.

Claims were gone over, Ms. Merritt made a motion to pay the bills, it was seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted "aye."

Motion to recess at 7:31 p.m., was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members voted "aye," meeting was recessed until January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tom Bergmeier  
Hancock County Vice Chair