

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:35 p.m. The invocation was given by Stephen Finney. Ms. Wilde-Tillman lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

Those present were: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Harry Douglas	Mark Hanson
Tom Rodgers	Michelle Merritt
Steve Finney	Andrew Asbury
Wayne Bollin	Mark Harrison
Dennis Castlebury	Patsy Davis
Alex Blythe	Steve Lucie
Tom Bergmeier	Ryan Weeks

Visitors included Jake Johnson, Jack Curfman, Larry Mulch, Chris Pratt, Nicole Elkin, and Bobi James.

Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the October minutes, executive session minutes, and the November committee minutes. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Menn presented Mr. Curfman with a plaque and thanked him for his 26 years of service as the ESDA director. There is also a plaque for Mike Wright of animal control, he could not attend.

Ms. Elkin from Hearts of Hancock had a question regarding animal control and what she is supposed to tell the community. She was informed that the pound was halted for 60 days to regroup. The health committee has met and is working on a solution to keep the pound open. The animal control warden was not intended to be used to catch strays. The committee is working on getting back into compliance and is working with the municipalities. They are working on some short-term solutions to bridge the gap between December 1 and February 1.

Mr. Pratt introduced himself. He has taken petitions out to run for Hancock County States' Attorney. He is from Quincy at the public defender's office. He has been an attorney for 15 years.

Mr. Mulch did a presentation on New Illinois.

Ms. Davis asked if there were any questions regarding the highway report. She stated there was a special meeting tonight in which the LaHarpe Bridge was approved for reconstruction. She submitted this for approval. Mr. Bollin read the budget minutes and submitted these and the finance minutes. Mr. Hanson submitted the building and grounds report. Mr. Asbury read the health minutes and then submitted. Motion was to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Lucie. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction of the budget being the year 2024, Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. This included:

- A. Approval of Budget for FY 2024
- B. Approval of Levy for FY 2023
- C. Resolution Adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan
- D. Resolution Establishing a Meeting Schedule for the Hancock County Board for 2024
- E. Going Forward with Emergency Management Performance Grant
- F. Approval of Health Board Candidates
- G. Wind and Solar Power Ordinance
- H. Acceptance of Rules of Order
- I. Adopt Illinois Public Risk Fund Loss Control Manual

Motion was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Blythe on the 2024 Estimate and Resolution for Maintenance of County Roads. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury moved to Award the Contract for La Harpe Township Bridge Replacement to County Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$994,930.00. This was seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury moved for the continuance of the Rabies Tag Program for \$600/year. Ms. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury motioned for funding of the Tri-County Fire Protection and Warsaw First Responders in the amount of \$5000/each. This was seconded by Mr. Weeks. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The Resolution for States' Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was moved by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Finney. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt motioned for the acceptance of Extending Insurance with Ramsey Financial, seconded by Mr. Harrison. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis asked how the Tioga project was going. Ms. James updated the board that Mr. Coulter from Tioga is in the process of buying the property and has a quote for demolition.

There will be a special board meeting on November 29, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. to appointment the ESDA director, possible appointment of a temporary animal control warden, and to give the county clerk the authority to write checks up until November 30, 2023.

Mr. Menn thanked the board for the last year. It has been a wonderful year. They all deserve a round of applause and a pat on the back. He wished them all a Happy Thanksgiving, stay safe, and he will see them on November 29th.

Motion to recess until November 29 at 8:15 a.m. was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk