

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON OCTOBER 17, 2023

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Harry Douglas. 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	

Absent was Steve Lucie, Tom Bergmeier, and Ryan Weeks. Mr. Castlebury entered at 6:47 p.m. Visitors included Bobi James, Shelby Crow, Michelle Berry, Tim Murphy, and Blanche Shoup.

Mr. Finney motioned to approve the September minutes, executive session, and October minutes. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Crow from the Extension Center stated they have a marketing person on staff now. Youth is their biggest program with 4-H and Ag in the Classroom. They have 5 people on staff in Hancock County. Mr. Menn told her thank you for the work you do for the county and to all the employees at the Extension Center.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Berry informed the board on what they do for the county at Soil and Water Conservation. They rent out equipment to landowners for soil conservation. They have a poster contest each year for 6th graders. A girl from Hamilton won state for her poster last year and went to nationals. Mr. Menn thanked them for their service.

Ms. Shoup thanked the board for their Proclamation for Apprenticeship week and let the board know that they are here in Hancock County to assist folks with training and jobs. Ms. Davis is their representative. Mr. Menn stated that Ms. Shoup does an outstanding job for employment in the county and we thank her for that.

Mr. Menn read a letter that he wrote to WIRC regarding their change to WIRC-CAA and gave an update on how the opioid settlement money is being spent on gas cards.

The committee reports were read. Mr. Castlebury entered at 6:47 p.m. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Finney and seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas moved to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. This included:

1. Advertise for Position of Animal Control Warden
2. Advertise for Position of ESDA Director
3. Credit Card for Supervisor of Assessments

Motion to approve the supplemental engineering agreement with Klingner and Associates for \$19,955 was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bollin. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Harris motioned to approve animal control concrete bid for \$3500 with Mr. Rodgers. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury moved to approve the TPA extension agreement with Mutual Medical. Mr. Asbury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe motioned to approve the transfer of \$12,275 from the general fund to the Federal Mutual-Aid Matching Fund with Mr. Bollin seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Finney moved to approve the renewal of reinsurance with Symmetra at a \$30,000 stop loss/year, Ms. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Asbury motioned to approval legal counsel with John Brady or his recommendation for EMS. Mr. Blythe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt moved to approve the Proclamation for Apprenticeship Week with Mr. Blythe seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe motioned to approve the appointment of Joe Zumwalt to the Lima-Hunt Drainage until September 2026. Mr. Bollin seconded. Voice vote was taken with all members voting aye. Mr. Douglas moved to appoint the Building committee as the safety committee with Mr. Castlebury seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury moved to go into executive session at 7:09, Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Mr. Bollin motioned to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James stated she is working on the ADT bill. Mr. Feagain has provided her with copies of the bills that he had from December 22 to May 23. There are 2 different account numbers for ADT. EMS is trying to get out of the ILMO contract but they have a 12-month cancellation notice. She is working on a letter to ILMO. She has not done anything in relation to the Truck Site letter. Mr. Feagain is going to gather all of the claims for her to send with the letter.

The tax sale will be October 23. Ms. James has been speaking with the treasurer and county clerk. There is a federal case that says the county may be responsible for improper funds.

She has received a couple of emails from entities regarding wind and solar ordinances. These are not completed.

Ms. James apologized to Ms. Davis regarding the job descriptions for ESDA and animal control. She has now made edits to these. She is working with the health department on getting their roof repaired after the derecho.

Discussion regarding the Tioga property of Clear Vision. It has to be determined that refurbishing the home would cost more than the value of the property. Motion to proceed with filing the petition was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Finney. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until November 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk