

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance include Ryan Weeks, Harry Douglas, Michelle Merritt, Patsy Davis, Mark Harrison, and Mark Menn. Absent was Steve Finney. Visitors included Jack Curfman, Mike Wright, Aaron Feagain, Bobi James, and a representative from SBA.

Mr. Curfman talked about the SBA representative who do disaster loans for homeowners and renters. They will be here November 6 through November 9 and November 13 through November 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and November 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The application can also be done online. They do not cover farms, these will go to the USDA. The mitigation has been approved by FEMA. Hancock county can receive \$13,434 in grants from the emergency management performance grant. The application will need to be returned by December 1, 2023. Motion to move the emergency management performance grant was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Davis moved to pass the Resolution Adopting Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Wright discussed the rabies tag program. This costs \$600/year. Maggie Harrell gets enough tags to supply Carthage and Augusta. Motion to continue providing a rabies tags program was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye.

The candidates for the county health board were discussed. Motion to accept these candidates was made by Mr. Weeks, Mr. Douglas seconded.

Mr. Feagain gave the EMS report. There were 120 calls, 108 were billable. Time out the door is 2 minutes. \$99,300.20 was billed, \$67,795 was collected. He gave an update on the ambulance fleet and an update on staffing. There was discussion regarding having an EMT class for residents who were interested. It was discussed that Carl Sandburg may have a program available. Sending funds to the first responders was discussed. They were not given funds last year. It was felt that we should support them, and the ambulance is in a good position to do this. Motion to pay \$5000 to Tri-County Fire Protection and Warsaw First Responders to be paid on December 1, 2023, was made by Mr. Davis. Mr. Douglas stated he thinks the committee should be informed on what the funds will be spent on. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Weeks at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye. Motion to come out of executive session was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Douglas at 9:09 p.m. All members present voted aye.

It was the consensus of the committee that there are a lot of things to get ironed out and better guidance regarding animal control. It was asked of Mr. Wright if he could fill his position until November 30. He is not to take in any new dogs in this time and work on maintenance of the animal control building. Mr. Wright stated he would resign from Hamilton Animal Control. Mr. Wright left at 9:26 p.m.

Interviews for ESDA will be done on November 9 starting at 6 p.m. They will ask if Mr. Curfman would like to sit in for the interviews.

Bills were gone over. Motion to approve the bills was made by Ms. Merritt, Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt moved that the health and miscellaneous meetings continue to be on the first Monday of the month unless it falls on a holiday which it will then be held on the first Wednesday. Mr. Harrison seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt motioned to recess until December 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with Mr. Weeks seconding the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman