

MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:32 a.m. Members in attendance included Steve Lucie, Tom Rodgers, Mark Harrison, Wayne Bollin, Dennis Castlebury, Alex Blythe, and Mark Menn. Elgin Berry was in attendance.

Claims were gone over. There was discussion regarding the camera viewing of the Niota road work. Motion to pay Four Seasons Excavating \$750 instead of \$1500 was made by Mr. Lucie, and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted yes except for Mr. Bollin who abstained.

Motion to accept the claims except for Four Seasons Excavating was made by Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Establish a Temporary Weight Restriction was made by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye. The consent agenda included:

- 1) Hancock County Aggregate Materials bid letting
- 2) Various Township Aggregate Materials bid letting
- 3) Various Trucking Companies to Haul Quarry Products to Certain Townships bid letting

There was further discussion regarding the Niota Road project. A highway department employee had done witching found the pipe in another spot in the road different from where it was originally thought to be. It is felt that this could be a soft spot in the road rather than a failed pipe.

There was extensive discussion regarding the highway engineer's salary. Motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Castlebury at 9:10 a.m. This was seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bollin abstaining and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Motion to exit executive was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Harrison at 9:18 a.m. All members present voted aye.

Motion to give the county highway engineer a 3%/3%/3% raise over the next 3 years was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. Mr. Bollin and Mr. Harrison recused themselves. All other members present voted aye. Mr. Berry stated he is below the market value of his qualifications for the IDOT recommendations. He counter offered \$110,000, \$112,500,

\$115,000. New motion to accept 3.7% the first year, 2.3% the second year, and 2.2% the third year was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Bollin recused himself. Mr. Lucie voted no. All other members voted yes.

Mr. Lucie asked about the Gavillet bridge. The township wants to put in a pair of tank cars. Prairie Township is getting a permit from the Corp of Engineers before they go forward. The county is not obligated in any way since the township took over.

There was discussion regarding highlighting the minutes being read at the full board meeting.

Mr. Menn got in touch with Norine Hammond regarding the Connable Road project. She is going to have a response and is working on getting it moved ahead.

Motion to recess until December 28, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman