

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON OCTOBER 30, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Mark Harrison, Mark Menn, Wayne Bollin, Tom Rodgers, and Dennis Castlebury. Absent was Steve Lucie and Alex Blythe. Visitors included Elgin Berry.

Claims were gone through. Mr. Harrison moved to approve the claims, Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Berry presented the engineer's report. Motion to approve the 2024 MFT Estimate and Resolution for Maintenance of County Roads was made by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Bollin seconded the motion.

Mr. Berry got a quote from Rob Ferguson to perform exploratory excavation work and possible repair on the Niota road. There was further discussion regarding this. It was decided that Mr. Berry will call Mr. Durand and have videography done through the culvert.

The bridge replacement in the Village of Pontoosuc is in Phase 1. IDOT has provided 4-5 acres of wetland credits to be used. There is no cost to the county or village for this.

A letter from the Cultural and Historic Clearance was received. The LaHarpe Township Bridge project will have bid letting scheduled for November 13 at 11 a.m. The Connable Road project is still waiting for a letter from Cultural and Historic Clearance. All right of ways have been acquired.

Ms. Davis asked if Mr. Berry would put up No Jake Brake signs in Basco. He stated he does not like putting up signs that prohibit safety. Ms. Davis stated she believes this needs to be done. The deck was poured on the Warsaw bottom bridge on October 27, 2023. Mr. Menn was approached about some large logs within a few feet from the roadway between Hamilton and Warsaw. Mr. Berry stated he would look into this.

There was an update to the Gavillet bridge of Prairie Township. According to Mr. Bollin Prairie Township will put in 2 railroad car culverts to replace the bridge that was taken out. He asked Mr. Berry if the county would have any obligation to the permit process. Mr. Bollin specifically asked if the county would be liable, and Mr. Berry stated no.

The budget is done. This is being reviewed by Bellwether. Mike Wright resigned as of October 31, 2023. He will turn everything in to the sheriff's office.

Motion to recess until November 29, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman