

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL HEALTH MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON DECEMBER 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairman Andrew Asbury at 8:32 a.m. Members in attendance included Mark Harrison, Mark Menn, Harry Douglas, and Patsy Davis. Absent was Steven Finney, Michelle Meritt, and Ryan Weeks. Visitors included Barb Drodz, Larry Akers, Marcia Lawson, Michelle Long, and Nicole Elkin.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding animal control. If there is a dog bite, vicious dog or neglected dog the sheriff's department will respond. The county has a no leash law which states we do not have the authority to pick up stray dogs. Each town in the county has their own ordinance. Video surveillance is being worked on for the pound.

Some direction needs to be given to Ms. Long, the animal control warden. She is to do 0 transportation of dogs. No catching of dogs. If somebody drops a dog off at the pound, she should take care of it. We will hold the dog until the municipality figures out where it goes. Towns are responsible for the cost of holding the dog. The county will do the means to make the animals safe. Ms. Long will make a list of what needs to be done at the pound and prioritize what needs to be done.

Discussion regarding microchipping ensued. Ms. Elkin will teach Ms. Long how to administer microchips.

Motion to post signs at the pound was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion for a microchip program was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the pound attendance mileage was made by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the intake form with the changes noted was made by Ms. Davis and Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Dedey informed Mr. Menn that it will be spring before internet can be installed so no surveillance can be installed until then. Motion was made by Mr. Harrison to allow Ms. Long to go to Farm and Home to buy 3 trail cameras. Ms. Davis seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to give Hearts of Hancock a contractual service of \$2500/quarter was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until January 3, 2024, at 6:30 was made by Mr. Douglas with Mr. Harrison seconding the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Asbury, Chairman