

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON DECEMBER 19, 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 Wayne Bollin. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Holly Wilde-Tillman. Roll call was taken.

Those present were: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Harry Douglas	Mark Hanson
Tom Rodgers	Michelle Merritt
Steve Lucie	Andrew Asbury
Wayne Bollin	Mark Harrison
Dennis Castlebury	Patsy Davis
Alex Blythe	Tom Bergmeier
Ryan Weeks	

Absent was Steve Finney. Visitors were welcomed. Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the November minutes, November and December special minutes, and December minutes. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the highway minutes. Mr. Bollin presented the finance minutes. Mr. Bergmeier presented the building minutes. Mr. Asbury presented the health and miscellaneous minutes. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Weeks. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the mileage for animal control, Mr. Harrison seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried. This included:

- A. Resolution to Establish Temporary Weight Restrictions
- B. Hancock County Aggregate Materials Bid Letting
- C. Various Township Aggregate Materials Bid Letting

- D. Various Trucking Companies to Haul Quarry Products to Certain Townships Bid Letting
- E. Approval of Hancock County Animal Control Mission Statement
- F. Approval of Handbook on Policies
- G. Approval of Signs at the Animal Control Building
- H. Approval of Microchip Program
- I. Approval of Animal Intake Form
- J. Motion to Not Issue Permits for Wind and Solar until the Process is Developed

Motion was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Ms. Davis to approve paying mileage for animal control. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the Hancock County Highway Engineer's Salary. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Lucie voting "no", Mr. Bollin recusing and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to purchase heart monitors for EMS. Mr. Asbury seconded. The monitors that were chosen were made by Stryker and have a price of \$137,085.30 which includes 4 monitors, a start pack, 6-year warranty, and full battery replacement. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Jeff Totten, ESDA director, to have a credit card was made by Mr. Asbury, seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to increase the sheriff's credit card limit to \$7500 was made by Mr. Bollin. Mr. Hanson seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the Sheriff's contract with the city of Warsaw with Mr. Weeks seconding. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Harrison made a motion for the purchase of trail cams for the animal control building. Mr. Asbury seconded. Mr. Menn stated that Hancock County is trying to make the best animal control program and he thanks the committee for all their hard work. He is disappointed in those that are working against the efforts of the committee to ensure the best possible program. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie wanted to inform the board why he voted no for the salary of the engineer. It is just a detail of the money situation and not a vote of no confidence in Mr. Berry.

Motion to appoint Lisa Merriman and Rob Biondilino to the Board of Health for a 3-year term was made by Mr. Castlebury. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn stated we have been here a year. It is a privilege and honor to be the board's chairman. He would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Mr. Weeks notified the board the former board member Harold Stuckwisch passed away. There was a moment of silence in his honor.

Motion to recess until January 16, 2024, was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
Hancock County Clerk