

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY
OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Mark Harrison, and Mark Menn. Absent were Ryan Weeks, Michelle Merritt, and Steve Finney. Visitors included Amy Hall, Aaron Feagain, Jeff Totten, Steve Lucie, Bobi James, Barb Drodz, Marcia Lawson, and Sheriff Travis Duffy.

Ms. Hall informed the committee that their 29th annual Hancock County Family Fair was Saturday from 9-1. Over 450 people attended the event. There is a free Narcan training on February 20 from 3-4 and 5-6 at the First Christian Church. Registration is encouraged but not required. It was asked if somebody using Narcan is covered by the Good Samaritan Act. Discussion regarding Covid vaccinations ensued. Mr. Lucie presented information to Ms. Hall regarding Covid vaccines. Mr. Menn asked her to look into this further.

Mr. Totten gave the ESDA report. Climavision is putting in a radar system on the water tower in Warsaw. This is a supplemental radar for weather. This is scheduled to be done by April. There will be a storm spotter class at The Legacy Theater on March 13. Discussion ensued regarding immigrants seeking asylum. If you cannot afford a place to live you cannot be held criminally responsible. In 2017 Illinois passed a law that law enforcement cannot detain illegal immigrants to deport them. If an influx of immigrants arrives in the county they can be shown where the resources are that they need, which will be in a different county. Motion to approve the resolution opposing unsolicited asylum seekers in Hancock County with possible additional changes was made by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain presented the EMS report. There were 154 calls, 130 billable, 107 transports. There was \$53,000 collected for the month of January. EMS received a donation from the Carolyn Brackensick Trust. He presented the ILMO contract which he advised the board not to sign. He informed them in September 2023 that he would like out of his contract. He has sent an email to Truck Site stating they are responsible for at least half of the bill for the 2 ambulances that were bought from them. The county received \$7500 towards the first truck but no money towards the second truck's repair. They had guaranteed service records on the ambulance which the county has yet to receive. The building commission met with an architect who is putting together a rough draft for an ambulance building. They will meet on February 8 to further discuss this. Mr. Feagain has received the new heart monitors which are in service. He asked what he should do with the old monitors. It needs to be declared surplus. Motion to declare the ambulance heart monitors as surplus was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn, Mr. Bollin, and Mr. Feagain met with Memorial Hospital regarding the new contract. This will hopefully be wrapped up next month.

There was extensive discussion regarding animal control and whether we need the dog pound or if it could be sold. The county's resolution from December 1974 stated the county will implement rabies vaccinations, take care of dog bites, and appoint an administrator. If there is a dog bite the pet owner should take the dog to the vet for quarantine. The sheriff's office will not be responsible for picking up dogs, etc. Ms. Drodz said that somebody found an emaciated dog and she wondered who she should notify. Mr. Douglas asked her to call the city animal administrator. Ms. Lawson asked what happens if a dog bites another dog. She was told to call the administrator regarding if they have had a rabies shot.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Harrison. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until March 4 was made by Mr. Douglas, and Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman