

## **MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, SAFETY, AND INSURANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON MARCH 12, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Hanson at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance included Ryan Weeks, Tom Rodgers, Tom Bergmeier, Steve Finney, and Mark Menn. Mark Turner was there as an observing board member until he takes his oath on March 18, 2024. Absent was Michelle Merritt. Visitors included Travis Duffy, Bobi James, Miranda Lambert, Patsy Davis, and Harry Douglas.

There are 3 companies that requested forms for solar/wind power. One has turned in their paperwork. Guidelines need to be gathered so pertinent offices can be notified. Motion to hire Jeff Totten as the solar/wind power administrator was made by Mr. Finney, seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye.

Southeastern Community School District got in touch with Mr. Hanson regarding having a school resource officer at their school. This has been discussed previously. The sheriff's office has no extra officers at this time. Ms. James will send the school a letter regarding this.

There was discussion regarding closure of the pound. Mr. Rodgers wondered if this would increase the dumping of dogs in the rural areas. Mr. Weeks made a motion to close the pound. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Bergmeier voting no and Finney, Weeks, and Hanson voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Lambert presented the authorization to submit applicant's certificate of intent for section 5311 grant agreement, execution of section 5311 grant agreement, enabling ordinance for section 5311 grant agreement, labor protection for section 5311 grant agreement, title VI questionnaire for section 5311 grant agreement, lobbying certification for section 5311 grant agreement, FTA certifications and assurances for section 5311 grant agreement, Downstate Operating Assistance Program application for Hancock County Public Transportation. Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Rodgers moved the certificate of authority for the highway department to order salt. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Sheriff Duffy's office received a grant for \$25,000 from the Illinois Sheriff's Association for the jail and courthouse through Grainger to use for supplies. His office applied for a retention and recruitment grant in which they received \$150,000. This is to be used for

bonus money as an incentive to stay with Hancock County and also for recruitment. This will be discussed at the finance meeting. There are 10 males and 4 females in the jail.

Mr. Hanson will be meeting with Ramsey Financial to review accidents and see what we can do to reduce this.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the claims, Mr. Finney seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney motioned to recess until April 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson, Chairman