MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mark Harrison. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holly Wilde-Tillman. Roll call was taken.

Those present were:

Mark Menn, Chairman

Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Mark Hanson
Tom Bergmeier
Patsy Davis
Tom Rodgers
Steve Finney
Dennis Castlebury

Michelle Merritt

Alex Blythe Steve Lucie Harry Douglas

Wayne Bollin Mark Harrison

Absent was Ryan Weeks. Visitors included Keith Bruns and Bobi James.

Keith Bruns of the historical society informed the board that the county's 200th anniversary would be January 13, 2025. He would like to know if there was any interest in acknowledging or celebrating this. He felt it was best to have a consolidated event. Mr. Hanson motioned that the Hancock County Board be part of the bicentennial celebration of Hancock County. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

A moment of silence was taken to recognize the late circuit clerk John Neally. Mr. Menn stated Mr. Neally was very instrumental in the county and his service was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Bergmeier motioned to approve the January minutes, special minutes, and February committee minutes. Mr. Merritt seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The recommendation of the Republican Central Committee to fill the board seat in district 4 was Mark Turner. He will be filling Andrew Asbury's seat until November 2024.

Highway committee minutes were submitted. Mr. Berry stated he got the final approval for the Connable Road project. There is a bid letting date of March 20 at 11 a.m. for this project. Finance minutes were submitted. Mr. Bollin discussed line item transfers and that Hancock County has a

balanced budget. Building and health committee minutes were submitted. Mr. Rodgers asked about the animal pound. Ms. Davis stated we are going to permanently close the dog pound. We are going to be following an ordinance from 2008. She has spoken with the sheriff's auxiliary who stated they would be interested in taking care of bite and abuse cases. Hopefully we can all work together to get this accomplished. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt moved to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. This included:

- A. Resolution Opposing the Unsolicited Transportation of Undocumented non-United States Citizens into Hancock County
- B. Declaring EMS Old Heart Monitors as Surplus
- C. Motion to Approve the Application for Solar and Wind Power

The resolution to allow safety inspections on local bridges of Hancock County was moved by Mr. Blythe, Mr. Lucie seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution allowing pavement preservation was made by Mr. Finney. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The assessor's office is running a bit behind and help was brought in to get them caught up.

Motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Ms. Merritt at 6:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. Motion to come out of executive session was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Castlebury at 7:02 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Patsy Davis to the Board of Health for 1 year was made by Ms. Merrit and seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Bollin moved to accept the appointment of Mark Turner as the Board seat of District 4. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn stated that He will be moving Mr. Lucie to Health and Miscellaneous and the Finance committees. Mr. Turner will be put on the Building and Grounds and Highway Committees. Motion to recess until March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Hanson. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk