

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY
OF CARTHAGE ON THE 4TH DAY MARCH 2024.**

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Patsy Davis at 6:29 p.m. Those in attendance were Patsy Davis, Mark Menn, Ryan Weeks, Harry Douglas, Stephen Finney, Steve Lucie, Mark Harrison, and Michelle Merritt. Visitors included Jack Curfman, Aaron Feagain, and Anthony Hopp. Ms. Wilde-Tillman was in attendance to take minutes.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to go into executive session for personnel, it was seconded by Ms. Merritt. All those in attendance voted "Yes." The committee went into executive session at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to come out of executive session and it was seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted "Yes." The committee came out of executive session at 7:15 p.m.

The members discussed the role of animal transporter. The position will pay \$350 per month, \$150 per call, mileage and supply the necessary tools to carry out the job. Mr. Douglas stated there will be training provided and that communication needs to be set up for all those involved. The animal transporter will address only dog bites, rabid animals and abuse. Mr. Weeks made a motion to appoint Mr. Anthony Hopp as Animal transporter, it was seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted "Yes," motion will be sent to full board.

Mr. Menn made the recommendation to appoint Mr. Douglas as vice chair of Health and Miscellaneous.

Ms. Hall was not in attendance but reported to Ms. Davis that there was an outbreak of bed bugs at Illini West.

Mr. Curfman reported to the committee for Mr. Totten. He has been communicating with Climavision regarding weather radar in Warsaw water tower and they are waiting on structural analysis. Remote activation has been installed in Bowen emergency siren. The floodplain has been assessed from Dallas City to Warsaw. He has attended many meetings and training courses, one being IEMA classes in Springfield. There will be a storm spotter class March 13, 2024, at the Legacy Theater.

Mr. Feagain spoke on EMS and is very happy with the numbers. They had 89 transports and collected \$88,000 of which \$10,000 needs returned to Medicare for incorrect billing. The response times are very good. Truck site is not willing to provide anymore reimbursement. Discussion was had about oxygen service, and it was decided to let Mr. Feagain make the decision on a contract. Mr. Lucie commented on the times of EMS getting out are good. Mr. Douglas asked about La Harpe service and Mr. Feagain stated that Hancock County is still covering and that on ALS calls they are required to go. Mr. Harrison requested the estimate on EMS building and stated that time is short to

get this project started. Mr. Menn commented that they are getting separate interior exterior quotes, but the first estimate was around \$700,000.

The press release for Animal control will be sent to board members for review prior to the March full board meeting.

Claims were went over and a motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Weeks, roll call was taken with all voting "Yes."

Ms. Merrit made a motion to recess until April 1, 2024 at 6:30, seconded by Mr. Weeks, all voted aye. Meeting recessed at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis
Health and Miscellaneous Chairwomen