

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Dennis Castlebury at 8:31 a.m. Members in attendance included Wayne Bollin, Patsy Davis, Alex Blythe, Mark Menn, and Mark Harrison. Visitor was Elgin Berry. Mark Turner will be administered his oath at the March board meeting. Absent was Tom Rodgers.

Mr. Berry gave the engineer's report. Bid letting was held on February 26 got bituminous materials. Motion to accept the bid for liquid asphalt furnished to the county from W.L. Millers for \$698,030.00, oil and chip spread on roads by A.C. Pavement Striping for \$1,091,912.00, liquid asphalt (PG46-28) furnished to townships by W.L. Millers for \$557,960.00, and liquid asphalt (SC-3000) furnished to townships by W.L. Millers for \$80,040.00 was made by Mr. Bollin, seconded by Ms. Davis. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Bid letting for the Connable Road project will be held on March 20 at 11 a.m. A special meeting will be held at the Highway Department on March 20 at 11 a.m. at the Highway Department. Bid letting for county and township culvert materials and guardrails will be held on March 25 at 11 a.m. at the Highway Department.

There was discussion regarding putting up signs for dates of expected closures for the Connable Road. Mr. Berry consented.

Mr. Bollin asked why the MFT balance is lower in townships. Mr. Berry stated this is due to the Rebuild Illinois Program ending.

The Pontoosuc bridge is moving forward. The trees cannot be cut until October 2024. He is going to try to get on the state bid letting in September. If he misses the date he will attempt getting on the November state bid letting and remove trees in April 2025. Tree removal in October and April is due to the Indiana bats. The dip in the road in Niota is not felt to be due to the water line and will be fixed by the Highway Department. This is on the list of things to be done.

Motions were gone over. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Davis. Mr. Blythe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Davis gave an update on the animal pound. Motion to recess until March 20 at 11 a.m. at the Highway Department was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Castlebury, Chairman