

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON APRIL 16, 2024**

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COUNTY OF HANCOCK        )  
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Alex Blythe. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the County Clerk. Roll call was taken.

Those present were:            Mark Menn, Chairman  
  Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Thomas Rodgers	Steve Lucie
Alex Blythe	Harry Douglas
Wayne Bollin	Mark Harrison
Mark Hanson	Dennis Castlebury
Mark Turner	Steve Finney

Absent was Patsy Davis, Tom Bergmeier, Ryan Weeks, and Michelle Merritt. Visitors included Bobi James, Elgin Berry, Miranda Lambert, representatives from Ameren Illinois, student election judges/representatives, several members of the community.

Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Caitlyn Willey wrote a letter instructing the board that they have been purchasing gas cards with the opioid money that was given to drug court. This allows the clients to get to AA, NA, drug court, etc.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman recognized the high school students and representatives from the county that helped with the election. They did an outstanding job and helped fill in 1/3 of the precincts. This gave them experience and helped the county fill up places that were missing judges.

Sam Morris from Ameren Illinois discussed the new transmission program. They are construction over 2000 miles of transmission lines of which 380 miles is in Illinois. They are anticipating a decision by the end of May 2025 and should start the process mid 2026 with the end date being 2029. They will be trying to use existing current transmission lines. There will be a meeting on April 24 at 10 a.m. at the Farm Bureau in Carthage regarding this.

The committee reports were presented and submitted into permanent record. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Finney, seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie moved to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Bollin seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried. This included:

1. Agreement Between Hancock County Public Transportation and West Central Illinois Aging and Disability Resource Center
2. IGA Between City of Macomb for McDonough County Public Transportation and Hancock County Public Transportation
3. Approval of Letter to Municipalities and Sheriff
4. Approval of Process for Insurance Proceeds for Damages
5. Approval of Credit Card Process of Office Holders

Approval of allocating \$2.8 million of the ARPA Funds to be used towards the Connable Road Project was made by Mr. Bollin. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the Connable Road Project Bid of WL Miller for \$4,411,875.95. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Metal Culverts, Inc, bid for township and county culverts was made by Mr. Turner, Mr. Blythe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution to approve Anticipation for Township Bridge Funds was made by Mr. Bollin, seconded by Mr. Lucie. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to increase the salary of the animal control administrator to \$4000/yearly. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Lucie made moved to approve the Resolution Fixing compensation for the Animal Control Warden appointed by the Administrator with Animal Bites. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin moved to help with the Hancock County Bicentennial Celebration monetarily. This was seconded by Mr. Hanson. The Historical Society will be asked to come to the Finance Committee meeting on May 9 at 9 a.m. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Ms. Davis will be on the celebration committee.

Motion to approve a claim to be paid to the conflict public defender was by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James informed the board that she spoke with Hyperreach. She will be emailing department heads to have a meeting on April 26 regarding this. She will be meeting with Jeff Totten regarding wind and solar permits and applications and then will meet with Ms. Pilkington. She has given Maggie Harrell the forms regarding animal control. Ms. James is working with Ms. Pilkington regarding the wording in the sheriff's grant. The resolution regarding animal control will be emailed to Anthony Hopp after Ms. Wilde-Tillman receives his email address. The Hancock County Board of Health will meet on May 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to approve the appointment of Daniel Gallaher of the Nauvoo Fire Protection District, Lee Ward of the Blandinsville-Hire Fire Protection District, Steve Siegrist of the Warsaw Rural Fire Protection District, Sharon McAllister of the Warsaw Rural Fire Protection District, and Dr. Hoon Kim for the Hancock County Board of Health was made by Mr. Lucie. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until May 21, 2024, at 6:30 was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk