

MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON MAY 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 6:30. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Michelle Merritt, Ryan Weeks, Steve Lucie, Mark Menn, and Mark Harrison arrived at 6:49. Steve Finney was absent. Visitors included Gary Rehahn, Mike Heisler, and Aaron Feagain.

A letter was sent to the municipalities asking for contact information for who to contact in case of an animal situation. When these are received back Ms. Wilde-Tillman will forward these to the sheriff's office along with the municipality's animal control ordinance.

Mr. Rehahn gave the ESDA report. Work with Climavision is continuing. They are looking in to the Union-Douglas water tower to see if it is structurally sound. The flood plain was assessed. Doug Campbell who is the ESDA chaplain is taking classes to assist groups during crises. ESDA has a Facebook page called Hancock County Emergency Services Disaster Agency.

Mr. Feagain presented the EMS report. There were 124 ambulance responses, 105 billable. He was reminded by the state through the system that charts need to be signed off on as soon as practical. He informed the union stewards of the future process. You get 1 verbal warning, then a written warning, and then suspension. There were 36 transfers. Staff is down which is creating overtime. They have 2.5 shifts filled. They have never had to go down to 1 ambulance in the county. There are 2 ambulances that he wants to take to the Sullivan auction. Ms. Merritt made a motion to declare the 2 ambulances surplus. Mr. Weeks seconded. All members present voted aye.

The health department meeting got canceled because they did not have their agenda up 48 hours in advance. Mr. Lucie had a good conversation with Ms. Hall. They are going to have some change in staff to ensure that the agenda gets posted in time. He asked if there were any plans for the building at the pound. There is not.

There was long discussion regarding the dog pound closure and the effect to municipalities. It is suggested that any mayors/presidents come to a health meeting or talk to the states' attorney.

Motion to recess until June 3 was made by Ms. Merritt, Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Committee Chair