

**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 JUNE 3, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Patsy Davis at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Ryan Weeks, Harry Douglas, Michelle Merritt, Mark Harrison, and Steve Finney. Steve Lucie and Mark Menn were absent. Visitors included Jeff Otten, Aaron Feagain, Anthony Hopp, Karen Andrews, Barb Drodz, and Marcia Lawson.

Ms. Andrews discussed that the Hearts of Hancock are in need of monetary funding if available. They had to take out \$10,000 from their limited funds. It had been discussed that the County Board could help them monetarily with the closure of the pound. This will be discussed with the finance committee.

Mr. Totten presented the ESDA report. The flood plain has been checked and all levels are okay. He monitored a couple of severe storms that went through the area. Climavision is meeting with Dallas Rural Water on Thursday regarding putting a weather satellite(?) on their tower at Union-Douglas School. He is getting an ambulance from EMS to use a command post in emergencies.

Mr. Feagain stated they had 124 calls, 100 were billable. There were 80 transports. Chart turnaround time has gone from 28 hours to 13 hours. Medicare and Medicaid recertification was approved on May 30. All trucks are up and running. They are prepping 2 ambulances for sale. Mr. Totten will be receiving one. The other will be going to auction. LaHarpe started an EMT class. Warsaw is finishing an EMT class the end of July in which there are 9 students. The architects need to have their bids in by the end of July. They are hoping to get the outside done before cold season.

Mr. Hopp would like to know what his job entails. He has received 7 calls that were in municipalities and 1 in the unincorporated areas. There was lengthy discussion regarding this. He is only to do transports of animals in which there may be a case of rabies. The owner of a dog is responsible for notifying the administrator and getting the dog quarantined.

It was discussed what to do with the pound. Ms. Merritt made a motion to demolish the building and sell the property. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Ms. Davis will ask Elgin Berry if the highway department would be able to demolish the building.

There was discussion regarding the Health Department and what control the board has over them. Mr. Harrison would like to work with the Health Department to teach alternative health options to the public, maybe some pages on the website discussing ways to help reduce the risk of cancer, etc.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the bills was made by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney made a motion to recess until July 1. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Committee Chair