

**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 JULY 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Patsy Davis at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Michelle Merritt, Mark Menn, Steve Lucie, and Steve Finney. Ryan Weeks and Mark Harrison were absent. Visitors included Aaron Feagain and Jeff Totten.

Ms. Davis informed the committee that there was one animal control call for the month of June.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to appointment Ashlyn Housewright to the Hancock County Board of Health. Mr. Lucie seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Totten presented the ESDA report. He met with the fire departments in Quincy who have used radios that he would like to purchase. He checked the flood plain from Dallas City to Hamilton. We are currently in a flood warning. He met with Elvaston town board regarding a possible repeater tower on the water tower. He went to Camp Eastman regarding Emergency pre-planning. They offered the use of their camp for training purposes. He finished his Illinois Professional Development Series and will receive a certificate in September. The command trailer is being worked on. This can be used for emergency units for public events and emergencies. Evan Davidson is the ESDA chaplain. Mr. Totten monitored a few storms that went through the area. They are working on getting the ambulance that was given to them outfitted to tow the command trailer.

Ms. Davis asked Ms. James what needed to be done to get the sealed bids for the animal control building? Ms. James stated Bellwether will be taking care of it. She will be sending them a copy of the deed. The deadline will be July 31 and bids will be opened at the health and miscellaneous meeting held on August 5. Motion to open the bids was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain stated Professional Billing Services was not able to close out the month of June as the person in charge of EMS was injured. There were 151 calls, 120 billable, 96 transports. There were a lot of lift assists and refusals. It was asked if EMS can lift somebody and put them in their own car. Mr. Feagain stated yes if that is where they want to be placed. They charge \$150 per lift assist. There were 32 transfers out of Memorial Hospital. Response time is down in Hamilton. It was stated that the pager system cannot be heard upstairs. This is being worked on. There will be a hospital transfer committee meeting this coming week. The new EMS building will be ready to go up for bid in August.

Mr. Lucie stated last month there was a court case that stated the COVID-19 vaccine cannot be called a vaccine because it did not meet the criteria and was wondering if we want to change the wording as we do not want to have anything that is a precedence. He stated he just wanted this to be on our radar.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Finney made a motion to approve the claims. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Betsy Davis, Committee Chair