**MINUTES OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JANUARY 13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Steinman at 1 p.m. County board members in attendance included Chairman Mark Menn, Vice Chairman Wayne Bollin, Steve Lucie, Steve Finney, Harry Douglas, Alex Blythe, and Lee Ann Lambert. Holly Wilde-Tillman, Joy Swearingen, and Judge Steve Evans were also speakers.

The invocation was given by Ms. Wilde-Tillman. Mr. Menn presented the Proclamation of the Bicentennial of the County of Hancock. Mr. Lucie Motioned to accept the Proclamation, Ms. Lambert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Swearingen gave an account of the history and the establishment Hancock County. Judge Evans presented the history after the establishment of the county up to present times.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman gave a closing statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk