

MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON OCTOBER 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mark Hanson at 6:31 p.m. Members in attendance included Michelle Merritt, Steve Finney, Tom Rodgers, Lee Ann Lambert, Billy Cramer, and Mark Menn. Jason Jacquot was absent. Visitors included Ryan Ramsey and Nichole Broche?, CallaBria Putrino, Bobi James, and Jordan Hawes.

Ms. James passed around the solar ordinances for comparison to look over Mr. Keyt and Mr. Greeley's additions and changes. The ordinance is as restrictive as possible. Ms. James will set up a meeting at the next building committee meeting with Mr. Keyt and Mr. Greeley. The county is in need of a wind energy administrator. Mr. Menn will discuss this with Bellwether.

Mr. Ramsey stated that has only been 2 worker's comp claims for the 2026 year and 2 vehicle crashes with deer. Bliss McKnight is able to look over the county policies and handbooks and give guidance. Ms. Merritt motioned to have the office holders send their office handbooks to Bliss McKnight to be reviewed. Mr. Finney seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. James has reviewed the Memorial Hospital and drug treatment court contracts with Hancock County Public Transportation. She changed where the grant can be terminated if the funding dries up. Ms. Putrino stated that she heard concerns about limited transportation available for community members. The contracts are done for local match. Public transportation needs to bring in 20% to receive the 80% match from IDOT. Motion to approve the Memorial Hospital and drug treatment court contracts pending changes was made by Ms. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Finney. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney motioned to allow the chairman to sign the DOAP and 5311 grants for Hancock County Public Transportation with Ms. Merritt seconding the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the resolutions for tax deed. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Regarding liquor license the consensus was to leave the licensures at 5 for the county. Ms. Merritt made a motion to review the cost of the licenses for possible increase. Mr. Finney seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims minus the claim to Jim Printy and taking the alcoholic beverage off Ryan Dykstra's claim was made by Mr. Finney, seconded by Ms. Lambert. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt moved to recess until November 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Cramer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hanson" followed by a stylized flourish or initial.

Mark Hanson