

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 AUGUST 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Merritt at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Lee Ann Lambert, Tom Rodgers, Jason Jacquot, and Steve Finney. Mark Hanson, Mark Menn, and Josh Turner were absent. Visitors included Andy Keyt, Alex Farkes, and Bobi James per Zoom. CallaBria Putrino and Sean Pluta from Polsinelli was also in attendance.

Mr. Keyt had a chance to look over the solar ordinance. He suggests some modifications. He believes some areas do not to restate the state statute. A weed management plan and how they should be managed should be added and decommissioning is another area that could be modified. Mr. Keyt stated typographical errors, incorrect dates, and GPS are outside the scope of substance. Mr. Pluta passed around a letter with attachments regarding the special user permit application for Highway 61 Sun and 61 Sun 2. The GPS has been verified with the IDOA. IDOT allows 180 days for road use. This will come at the building permit stage. Ms. James stated if anybody has conditions they would like to add to the motion to let her know. Mr. Rodgers motion to move the Highway 61 Sun and 61 Sun 2 solar project on to full board. Ms. Lambert seconded. Roll call vote was taken with Finney and Merritt voting no and all others voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Putrino discussed the CVP grant. In 2022 they applied for 2 minivans and a bus which was received in 2025. She is applying for 3 minivans and 1 bus. Mr. Finney motioned to approve, Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Finney motioned to approve the claims. Mr. Jacquot seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until September 8 was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Merritt