

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, SAFETY, AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON
JULY 14, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Hanson at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Michelle Merritt, Lee Ann Lambert, Tom Rodgers, Jason Jacquot, Steve Finney, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Ryan Ramsey.

Mr. Ramsey stated regarding worker's comp the county is doing wonderful. There have only been 2 claims in the year to date. They have been having training and believes this is helping with claims.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the Highway 61 and 61-2 Sun Solar application in regards to the dates not matching. Mr. Finney motioned to deny the application as he is concerned about the validity of the dates if this should go to court. This can be resubmitted after corrections are made. Ms. Merritt seconded. Justin Greeley of Bellwether was called. Mr. Rodgers amended the motion to state it would be accepted upon correction of the dates. No one seconded the motion. Mr. Menn wanted the committee to know if this goes to court that it will be coming out of the general fund. Roll call vote was taken with Merritt, Lambert, Jacquot, Turner, and Finney voting yes, Hanson and Rodgers voting no.

Mr. Finney moved to appoint Jason Jacquot as the noxious weed superintendent. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Approval of the resolution for taxing deed 23-14-000-538 was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Jacquot seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt approved the resolution establishing a holiday schedule for 2027, Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney approved the solid waste plan, this will get the county back in compliance. Mr. Jacquot seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Greeley was called. Bobi James states that the solar application cannot be denied in committee. The committee can make a recommendation of denial at full board. Ms. Merritt states that the GPS coordinates do not match throughout the application. The energy attorney will be asked to join in the full board meeting.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Schweizer's lunch of \$29.94 is over the \$18 limit per the GSA. Mr. Finney motioned to reimburse the \$18 limit and not the full receipt. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

There was discussion regarding the Kohl's invoices. Some of the items purchased exceed the requirements of a balanced meal. Motion to write a letter to the sheriff's office explaining that another excessive food bill will not be paid was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jacquot. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt moved the Highway 61 and 61-2 Sun Solar project on to full board for denial. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Merritt motioned to pay the bills with the amendment to Mr. Schweizer's claim. Mr. Finney seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Turner informed the committee that he will be resigning. He has the utmost respect for the board but he does not have the time to commit.

Ms. Merritt motioned to recess. Mr. Jacquot seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson