

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, SAFETY, AND INSURANCE MEETING OF THE
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Steven Finney at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Tom Rodgers, Jason Jacquot, Mark Menn, and Mark Hanson arrived at 6:31 p.m. and continued the meeting. Visitors included David Ellis, the mayor of Plymouth, and the owner of Prairie Winds Hotel, and Stephanie Swisegood. Michelle Merritt, Josh Turner, and Lee Ann Lambert were absent.

Mr. Ellis asked if the town could connect to a sidewalk at the Plymouth Public Housing. Benton and Associates have tried to contact the Housing Authority without success. Bobi James, States' Attorney, was asked to come into the room and look at the pictures he brought showing where they would connect the sidewalk. She will reach out to the Housing Authority and get in touch with him.

The owner of Prairie Winds was at a meeting a few months ago asking about obtaining a liquor license so she can have gaming machines in her establishment. Mr. Menn stated that we would need to get additional liquor license. This will be put on the agenda for October for discussion, talking to the States' Attorney, and then make a decision.

Mr. Finney asked about the changes to the solar and wind ordinances that the attorney discussed at the full board meeting. Mr. Greeley sent him a rough draft. Motion for possible update to the wind and solar ordinance was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Swisegood presented the board with the Hancock County Public Transportation agreement with Memorial Hospital Association. Mr. Menn feels that this takes away from others in the community needing transportation. Motion to have the States' Attorney review the agreement and bring recommendations to the next board meeting was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims with the correction of Ben Schweizer's claim being off by 2 cents was made by Mr. Finney with Mr. Jacquot seconding. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Jacquot moved to recess until October 13 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Rodgers seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson