**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mark Hanson, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the chairman. Roll call was taken.

Those in attendance: Mark Menn, County Chairman

Michelle Merritt Lee Ann Lambert

Tom Rodgers Joe Boyles

Alex Blythe Steve Lucie

Wayne Bollin Mark Harrison

Mark Hanson Ryan Weeks

Dennis Castlebury Josh Turner

Steve Finney

Harry Douglas was absent. Visitors included Cole Boyles, CallaBria Putrino, Bobi James, Elgin Berry, Justin Greeley, and Keara Weber. Mr. Menn introduced Cole Boyles of the Boy Scouts who is working on his Citizenship Award and becoming an Eagle Scout.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to approve the January minutes. Mr. Boyles seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

The committee reports were gone over. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas is in the hospital, and we need to keep him in our hearts, prayers, and thoughts. He is having serious health issues. Mr. Finney is stepping in on the Health Committee until Mr. Douglas’ return.

Motion to table the Noxious Weed Resolution was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Ms. Lambert. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Merritt seconded. This consisted of:

1. Hancock County Public Transportation HC3 to Be Declared Surplus and Sold at Auction
2. Hancock County Public Transportation HC4 to Be Retained and Used as a Service Vehicle
3. Amendment to Predictable Fee Schedule for Recording Documents
4. New Bank Account For Circuit Clerk for Clearing of Electronic Payments

Mr. Blythe made a motion to approve expending federal local bridge funds and township bridge program funds for the replacement of a Pilot Grove bridge. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The county pays for this up front and then will be reimbursed by IDOT for the full amount. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve expending federal local bridge funds and township bridge program funds for the replacement of a Fountain Green bridge was made by Mr. Castlebury, Mr. Bollin seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe made a motion to approve the oil and chipping of several county roads. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Mr. Boyles asked if we got quotes from multiple places for the oil and chipping, Mr. Berry stated yes. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program was made by Mr. Finney, seconded by Ms. Merritt. A lot of people in the community do not know that this is provided for them. The drop off for electronics and paints is available on Fridays at the Highway Department.

Ms. Merritt motioned to go into executive session at 6:51, Mr. Harrison seconded. Mr. Greeley was invited to stay. All members present voted aye. Motion to exit executive session was made by Mr. Weeks, seconded by Ms. Merritt. All members present voted aye.

The appointment of a noxious weed supervisor will be held off until March. Motion to recess until March 18, 2025, at 6:30 was made by Mr. Finney. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk