

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON
OCTOBER 21, 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 Thomas Rodgers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the county clerk. Roll call was taken.

Those present included: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Joe Boyles	Thomas Rodgers
Lee Ann Lambert	Michelle Merritt
Harry Douglas	Steve Lucie
Alex Blythe	Wayne Bollin
Mark Harrison	Ryan Weeks
Dennis Castlebury	Josh Turner
Steve Finney	

Mark Hanson was absent. Members in attendance included Bobi James, Julie Weber, and Justin Greeley.

Motion to approve the September minutes, executive and special meeting minutes was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Menn welcomed the visitors. Ms. Weber stated that her and her neighbors thank the board for sticking with them and battling all these months to get a new ordinance in place. They really appreciate the board’s help and push in getting this done.

Committee reports were gone over and submitted into record. There was no highway meeting this month. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Lucie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 16 tax deeds for the Hancock County Trustee was made by Mr. Finney, seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to renew Mutual Medical Insurance at a \$30,000 stop loss. Mr. Lucie seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Bliss McKnight as the specialized insurance provider at \$340,789 was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Turner. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Boyles made a motion to approve the building permits for Highway 94 Sun, Highway 96 Sun, and CR900 Sun solar projects. Mr. Finney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe moved to retain Jeff Dedey at \$40,000 for IT services, Mr. Weeks seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding recording of the meetings. There is nothing that states that we need to. This creates work for the county clerk’s office. The minutes are on the website. Anybody is welcome to come to the meetings and record. The audio taping started around COVID. Mr. Menn called 5 surrounding counties to see if they recorded their meetings and only 1 does.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to go into executive session at 6:52 p.m. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Mr. Greeley was invited in. Motion to move out of executive was made by Mr. Rodgers at 8:18, seconded by Mr. Weeks. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Zollinger to the Hunt-Lima Drainage District temporarily. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney made a motion to recess, Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk