

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

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The invocation was given by Michelle Merritt. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the county clerk. Roll call was taken.

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

Michelle Merritt	Lee Ann Lambert
Tom Rodgers	Joe Boyles
Harry Douglas	Mark Harrison
Wayne Bollin	Steve Finney
Dennis Castlebury	Jason Jacquot

Mark Hanson and Steve Lucie were absent.

Motion to accept the resignation of Alex Blythe and Josh Turner was made by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Letters from the Republican Central Committee for the recommendation of new county board members John Mason for District 4 and Billy Cramer for District 2 was read by Mr. Menn. Motion to accept these recommendations was made by Mr. Boyles. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. The oath of Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer was given by the county clerk.

Ms. Merritt moved to approve the September minutes and special minutes with Mr. Bollin seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer abstaining and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Judge Clark gave an invitation to the county board for a graduation from drug court.

Committee reports were gone over. Ms. Lambert moved to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Ms. Merritt. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer abstaining and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the tax deed resolutions of parcels 03-05-000-470, 03-05-000-530, 04-02-000-384, 04-02-000-398, 04-02-000-688, 04-26-000-782, 06-21-486-008, 08-35-000-479, 11-28-045-000, 11-30-708-000, 12-30-000-363, 15-09-259-000, 19-32-000-426, 20-36-00-714, 20-36-000-883, 23-27-000-627, 23-27-429-006, 23-27-429-008, 23-27-429-009, 24-23-000-247, 25-22-000-675 was made by Mr. Finney. Mr. Harrison seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer abstaining and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the consent action agenda was given by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Boyles. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer abstaining and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried. This includes:

- 1) Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response
- 2) Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Designated Tax Sale Representative for Hancock County
- 3) Resolution for the County to Acquire All Tax Certificates

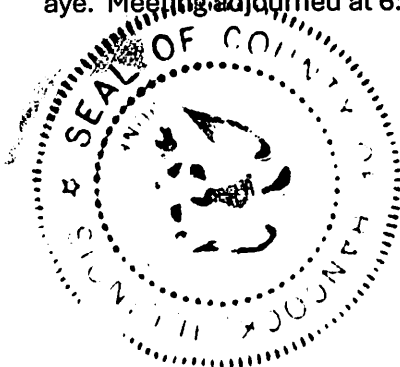
Mr. Douglas made a motion to request consent from IDOT for the reappointment of county engineer Elgin Berry. Mr. Finney seconded. This is to assure that Mr. Berry is still certified. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Mason and Mr. Cramer abstaining and Mr. Bollin recusing himself. All other members present voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Douglas moved to allow the county board chairman to sign the transport agreement between Hancock County EMS and Memorial Hospital. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

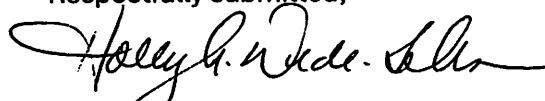
The county clerk no longer needs the money for vote by mail ballots as the Supreme Court has blocked the executive order with the USPS's ruling. The approval to update the wind and solar ordinances per the power attorney will be taken back to committee and discussed further.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Joyce Lillard for a 5-year term to the Hancock County Housing Authority. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess was given by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Ms. Lambert. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,


Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk