

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 6, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Harry Douglas at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Michelle Merritt, Joe Boyles, Mark Harrison, Steve Finney, Steve Lucie, Josh Turner, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Aaron Feagain with EMS.

Mr. Feagain reported the February and March ambulance run numbers. He has new employee responsibilities for the policy manual. The union proposed stronger wording about droppable shifts and PTO. The union has passed this. Truck 22 needs a transmission. The rest of the fleet is running good. The cost of diesel is going up so he has asked that since the warmer weather is approaching that the ambulances be shut off if it is not in use. Budget wise he is 10% over in 2 line items, 1 being payroll. He is going to hire someone to cut down on overtime. He states he will be looking in to purchasing a different ambulance to replace the one with over 200,000 miles in the next few years. Mr. Boyles asked if Mr. Feagain put no animal companions in the policy manual, he stated he had not but will add this. The radios are in for the ambulances but they are waiting due to the antenna problem. There was discussion regarding the McDonough ambulance service and LaHarpe.

The ESDA report was passed around. A burn ban ordinance can be passed by the county board chair but Mr. Menn states he will leave it up to the fire chiefs to do this.

There was discussion regarding an email that the board received about a dog problem in Plymouth. Mr. Douglas will look into this.

Claims were gone over. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the claims, Mr. Boyles seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Boyles motioned to recess until May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Finney seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Douglas