

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE STATE OF
ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON AUGUST 3, 2026**

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

Mr. Curfman discussed the intergovernmental agreement with IEMA. This provides mutual aid with any county at no charge. He asked if the county could no longer reimburse ESDA volunteers? He believes he remembers an email a few years ago regarding this. Mr. Menn informed Mr. Curfman that the mutual aid was not denied but that it needed to be filled out, signed and sent to the states' attorney for review.

Mr. Feagain presented the EMS report. There were 146 calls, 133 billable, 107 transports. There were electrical problems with dispatch. This is being worked around. The hospital has until August 15 to respond to the transfer contract with EMS. A notice was sent to LaHarpe ambulance that the contract needed to be signed. Mr. Menn told Mr. Feagain to give them a hard date of September 1 to get it signed. The Starcom radios are installed but these are in the front cab. On one instance the paramedic in the back had to get out and use the radio up front. It was suggested to put the portable Starcom radios in the back of the ambulance for use.

There has only been 1 bid for a new sign for the building. This was from Sentry at \$9000. He would rather use that money towards something else.

The animal control bite report was passed around. The unfinished business list was gone over.

Jessica Croy from the health department will be at the finance committee meeting on August 13. They still need 2 doctors and a community person on their board. They discussed the budget and are looking at a 2% raise for their employees. Ms. Croy has not given herself a raise for the year. They are having difficulty keeping staff.

Claims were gone through. Ms. Merritt motioned to approve the claims, Mr. Harrison seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion to recess until September 9 was made by Ms. Merritt. This was seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Douglas