

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Harry Douglas at 6:27 p.m. Those in attendance included Steve Finney, Joe Boyles, Michelle Merritt, Mark Harrison, Mark Menn, Josh Turner, and Michelle Merritt. Visitors included Anthony Hopp, Aaron Feagain, and Jeff Totten.

The animal control transporter position was discussed. Their job is to transport an animal after a bite to the administrator if needed. The resolution was discussed. The word warden needs to be switched to transporter. It states that he needs to be at all meetings. The committee stated this will be taken off of the resolution. The mileage rate will also be amended. Motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain would like to thank the board for their support while he was gone. The doctor has given a full work release but he is not able to go on ambulance runs until he is out of cardiac rehab. He would like to thank Donald Haage for keeping the EMS up and going. There were 136 calls, 117 billable, 116 transports. Rig 3A22 is having transmission issues. There is money in the budget for repairs but this will take a big junk. The committee stated he should have the transmission replaced.

Warsaw First Responders have filed with the state to go to a BLS nontransport service. They will be grandfathered in. They would like to bill the county if they respond to a call. Mr. Feagain would like us to come together as 1 umbrella. The inventory software was briefly discussed.

The ESDA report was passed around. He was asked if there have been any problems with protesters. He stated not yet but there were some concerned citizens.

Ms. Merritt moved to go into executive session at 7:15, Mr. Boyles seconded. All members present voted aye. Mr. Finney moved to go out of executive session at 7:28. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Douglas informed the committee of the Board of Health meeting in January. They are getting a new deputy director, Brandon Daniels. The next meeting will be held on April 23 at 5:30.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Finney motioned to approve the claims, Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Finney moved to recess until March 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Douglas, Committee Chair