

**MINUTES OF A HEALTH AND MISCELLANEOUS MEETING OF THE COUNTY  
OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JUNE 1, 2026**

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

The ambulance had 129 calls, 120 were billable, 98 were transported. There were 37 BLS calls and 59 ALS calls, 6 treat with no transport calls. Truck 22 has brake issues which are getting repaired and 25 has an EGR problem. Mr. Feagain discussed transporting the new ambulance from Texas. He was discussing flying down and driving it up to Hancock County. He will check and see how much it would cost to transport it here from Texas. He will be speaking with Stryker about refurbishing our cots into power lift cots.

May animal bite reports were discussed.

The Board of Health had a meeting. Grants were due by the end of May. They need a home health director. The dental clinic is booked out until October. Their budget is doing better. They need 2 doctors and 1 resident to fill positions on the board. It was asked who determines how much employees get paid at the health department. Mr. Douglas will look into this.

The ESDA intergovernmental mutual aid agreement was discussed. Mr. Menn does not believe that we need to enter into this. He would like Mr. Totten to come and explain it to the committee in July. The ESDA report was discussed.

Ms. Merritt discussed that the county needs to get ahead of data centers coming into the county. She believes it would be detrimental to the county. Mr. Menn would like legal counsel to talk to the board about wind, solar and data centers and what the county can and cannot do.

Claims were gone over. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the claims, Mr. Boyles seconded. All members present voted aye. Mr. Finney motioned to recess, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Douglas