

**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 MARCH 2, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Harry Douglas at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Michelle Merritt, Steve Finney, Mark Harrison, Josh Turner, and Mark Menn. Steve Lucie and Joe Boyles were absent. Kathy Sparrow and Jeff Totten were visitors.

Mr. Totten updated the committee on what has been happening with ESDA. There was discussion regarding the previous ordinance regarding opening burning 12-2007-38. Mr. Finney motioned to send the ordinance to Justin Greeley with Bellwether for review and updating, Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

The animal bite reports were gone over. Ms. Merritt moved to approve the resolution to clarify duties and responsibilities of the animal warden, Mr. Harrison seconded. All members present voted aye.

Noxious weeds and solid waste were discussed at length. The current noxious weed superintendent is Ryan Weeks. An annual report and comprehensive work plan were to be sent to the Board and the Director of the Department of Agriculture. This has not been done yet. The EPA sent the county a letter in December stating they had 120 days to complete an update on the solid waste plan. The last update was in 2005. Mr. Turner motioned to appointment Ryan Weeks as the noxious weed superintendent and to move the solid waste discussion on to the Building and Grounds Committee, Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to move into executive session regarding personnel was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Finney at 7:18 p.m. All members present voted aye. Ms. Merritt moved to exit executive session, Mr. Finney seconded the motion at 7:32. All members present voted aye.

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

Ms. Merritt moved to recess until April 6. The county is putting together a grant for Mary Miller's office to have the second part of the Connable Road completed. If anybody would like to put a letter together it can be sent to Elgin Berry. Mr. Finney seconded the motion to recess. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Douglas