

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MEETING OF THE COUNTY
OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON AUGUST 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Castlebury at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Rodgers, Jason Jacquot, Wayne Bollin, and Mark Menn. Mark Harrison, Alex Blythe, and Mark Hanson were absent. Elgin Berry was also in attendance. There were numerous members of the community for the Emergency Telephone Services Board, fire chiefs and emergency response personnel that had been invited regarding ongoing issues with the rural reference signs and JULIE maps. Shawn Dooney from ETSB 911 Consulting and Chad Sperry with WIU GIS were included via Teams.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the 911 maps not matching the road signs. They could change the addresses of all county residents to add the directional which would entail a huge undertaking. The post offices would need to change these addresses, the assessor's office, phone companies, etc. Or all of the road signs could be changed. Mr. Berry estimates the cost to change the signs would be \$75,000-\$100,000. It was mentioned that 811 needs to be better trained on how to use the road signs. Motion to get the costs in order and make a decision on what to do with the signs was made by Mr. Bollin, Mr. Jacquot seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Berry's contract is up at the end of the year. This is a 2-step process. First IDOT needs to state whether he is still qualified as an engineer and the second part is salary discussion. Mr. Rodgers motioned to request consent from IDOT regarding the reappointment of Mr. Berry. Roll call was taken with Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Jacquot, and Mr. Castlebury voting yes and Mr. Bollin recusing himself.

Mr. Lucie asked what is going to be done about the road going east out of Basco. Mr. Berry stated that he is planning on doing the wheel paths.

Mr. Jacquot moved to have a special meeting on September 8 following the building and grounds committee meeting. Mr. Rodgers seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Bollin asked if there was any damage from the oversized road that went down the county road. The bridge was looked at and there was no visible sign of damage. Mr. Berry asked IDOT to analyze it and they felt the bridge had sufficient capacity to carry the load. Mr. Berry fixed the scuff mark and billed the company for the labor to fix it. Mr. Menn stated

that he is working with the states attorney to see if the county could implement fines on oversized loads with no permit to drive on the county roads.

Mr. Jacquot came up with various ways to come up with money for the east end of the Basco blacktop. He discussed this with Mr. Berry.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Jacquot. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until September 8 special meeting, Mr. Jacquot seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Castlebury