

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Castlebury at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Ryan Weeks, Tom Rodgers, Mark Harrison, Wayne Bollin, and Mark Menn. Alex Blythe and Mark Hanson were absent. Visitors include Elgin Berry, Aaron Allen from Tri-County Collection, and the Warsaw and Hamilton street departments and mayors.

Mr. Allen spoke about the problems they are having with recycling at the Highway Department. They recommend having somebody sit there to make sure correct items are being left for recycling. Mr. Bollin made a motion to have Tri-County Collection sit at the Highway Department from 8-12 on Fridays and to have security and signs hung. Mr. Weeks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the Hamilton-Warsaw Road. Mr. Berry would like to do this all at once if possible. Mr. Berry's proposal is to put on a cape seal which is a 2-step process of oil and chipping and then 2-3 weeks later have it microsurfaced. Then striping can be done. He believes it should cost \$689,000 with \$551,000 federal share. This would be split in 3 parts accordingly. Warsaw would like to be involved but Hamilton would like to hold off for now. Mr. Berry will proceed with the county and Warsaw's portions.

Mr. Berry recommends adopting a Resolution to construct a bridge in Pilot Grove. A previous version had already been signed in February 2025 but had no specific amounts or sources. This resolution will be more specific. Mr. Weeks motioned to approve the Resolution to approve the LBFP and TBP funds towards the Pilot Grove Bridge. Mr. Harrison seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin moved to approve the resolution establishing a temporary weight restriction on certain county roads. Mr. Weeks seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Berry would like to consider adopting a half-aid policy for culvert replacement. The county would pay for culvert materials and townships would pay for installation and backfill. He has spoken with the road commissioners about this. They would need to have their proposals in by the end of December. There was concern Mr. Rodgers motion to

approve the half-aid policy on a first come first serve basis. He then retracted the first come first serve basis. There was discussion about putting a monetary cap on them so no one is left out. Mr. Rodgers withdrew his motion. Mr. Berry will bring all applications to the December meeting to go through and the half-aid policy may need to be modified.

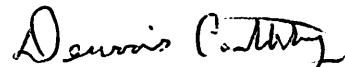
There was discussion regarding employee clothing allowance. It is believed they need to go back to having uniforms provided by a company who should accommodate proper fitting clothing. There was discussion regarding having employees provide receipts for clothing also. This check is provided in December yearly. Mr. Bollin stated it should be paid in the same fiscal year rather than December.

Mr. Harrison would like the board members to look at the McCall, Joetta and Middle Creek Roads. He believes these roads take a lot of gravel each year, and it would be more better to have this money go towards tarring and chipping instead.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Bollin made a motion to approve these claims along with the clothing allowance checks. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until December 30, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Bollin, seconded by Mr. Weeks. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Castlebury