

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 JULY 30, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Rodgers, Mark Menn, Mark Harrison, Alex Blythe, and Jason Jacquot. Mark Hanson and Dennis Castlebury were absent. Visitors were Elgin Berry, county engineer, and Jay Roskamp.

Mr. Roskamp spoke about the 911 signs. There was lengthy discussion regarding how the signs read and are misconstrued by fire departments, etc. A meeting will be set up with the ETSB committee, 911 committee, highway committee and see if the fire departments could meet and discuss the signs. Mr. Berry will send out a letter. Mr. Menn would like the sheriff to have a copy along with any candidates on the ballot. The fire districts, road commissioners, etc, can attend or send a letter of recommendation.

Mr. Berry has asked Mike Wright to install the rural reference signs. He believes it should take 3 months to install these. He will need a helper. Mr. Blythe motioned to have the highway department put up the signs as they currently exist, Mr. Jacquot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

A dump truck was stolen off the off the highway department lot and returned a short time later. There was no damage to the truck or other county property.

An out of state surveying company is asking about right of ways for Durham Township. Mr. Berry feels that a stricter road use agreement needs to be done for the upcoming wind energy projects.

Mr. Jacquot asked about the Basco blacktop road from Elderville to highway 96. Mr. Berry stated that it could be microsurfaced but that is just a bandaid.

Mr. Harrison asked about riprap being covered by motor fuel tax money. Mr. Berry stated it needs to be RR3 or above to be state qualifying. Claims were gone over.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman informed the committee that the judge had leaned in the electoral board's decision. The individual running for county board is going to file with the appellate court. He has until August 21 to file. Mr. Menn will talk to Justin Greeley for

recommendations for attorneys. Ms. Wilde-Tillman would like direction on what to do with the ballots. It was the consensus of the committee to run the ballots without the individual's name.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid. Mr. Jacquot seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Berry's contract is up for renewal. This is to be done every 6 years. It is a 2-step process. The board appoints, then it is sent to IDOT who states it is okay for Mr. Berry to be appointed. The second part is negotiation on salary.

Motion to recess until August 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Harrison. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin