

**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 MAY 28, 2026**

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

The dump truck that was rearended has been repaired by Knapheide. Country Financial has a settlement check of \$17,325 which includes a brand new salt spreader. The release needs to be signed. This will be sent to the states' attorney for approval of release before signature.

The application for a grant for the Connable Road has been sent to Washington, D.C. Mr. Berry was informed by the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee that this was not selected for inclusion. Mr. Berry has put in an application for TARP in the amount of \$1,272,000 which was submitted on May 19, 2026. This would cover the 20% local share that will be needed for the project. The work could be started as early as 2028.

Mr. Berry asked about how we would like to handle the cell phone bills. ESDA and the highway department are taking turns paying the bills. Mr. Menn stated that eventually all lpads and phones will be on one plan through the IT program.

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

Mr. Bollin moved to recess until June 29 at 8:30 a.m., Mr. Hanson seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Castlebury