

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 29, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Castlebury at 8:31 a.m. Members in attendance included Wayne Bollin, Alex Blythe, and Mark Harrison. Elgin Berry was also in attendance.

Mr. Berry gave the engineer's report. Motion to approve the resolution to designate the Connable Road as a Class II Truck Route was made by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye.

There was discussion regarding the Burnside bridge. The water main needs to be relocated but they have hit rock in 5 different spots while boring. The relocation is being done by Dallas Rural Water District and the county is reimbursing them.

The Warsaw-Hamilton Road is due for pavement preservation. Mr. Berry will speak with Hamilton and Warsaw to see if they would like to do it all at once.

Bowen has asked for federal funds so they could place Cape Seal on the extension of County Highway 33. The earliest this will be done would be in 2026.

The Colusa Road is scheduled to be oil and chipped in 2025. The Connable Road project will start in June or July. Nothing can be done until the culverts are in.

Mr. Bollin spoke with Bellwether who stated the best way to pay for the Connable would be through the ARPA. The money was going to be transferred to a Highway Department fund but will now be paid through the ARPA fund. Mr. Berry was told that at the budget time he would need to raise his levy to accommodate the rising EAV.

Bills were gone through. Motion to approve the bills was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Harrison. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the highway department's vehicles and if any will need to be replaced. Transmission oil can be smelled while running the grader. To replace this would be \$193,000. To replace the transmission would be \$40,000. He will be getting it replaced. He spoke of purchasing a pug mill to make chip mix for the roads.

Motion to recess until May 30 was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Castlebury, Committee Chair