

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, SAFETY, AND INSURANCE MEETING
OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JUNE 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Hanson at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Tom Rodgers, Tom Bergmeier, Michelle Merritt, and Mark Menn. Absent was Ryan Weeks, Steve Finney, and Mark Turner. Visitors included Bobi James, Stan Komperda and his coworker from Highland Renewables. Travis Duffy arrived later.

Mr. Komperda stated that Highland Renewables is looking for 200-megawatt wind renewable energy in our county. They have not had any outages. A new line going through the county only helps the county out. A tornado went through a wind farm in Iowa. It shredded the turbines but they did not fly off. It was asked why some of them are turning and some are not. Some wind farms have a contract and others are on a day-to-day market on the basis. The field office can remote in and shut the turbines on and off.

Ms. James asked about public hearings for the solar companies. Solar Stone is a solar company who has been working in some capacity in the county since 2018 and asked if they could be vested. They ultimately do not want to have a public hearing. The hearings are rather extensive. The companies would have to pay somebody for their time, prepping, and travel. Mr. Menn stated that we are not asking them to do any more than what we are asking other companies to do. This will be brought up at the July building meeting.

Mr. Menn asked if Ramseys could be contacted and have somebody come to the meetings monthly or every other month to report on worker's compensation, claims, etc. Mr. Menn will speak with Mr. Ramsey.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Duffy arrived at 7:03 p.m. Motion to approve the claims was made by Ms. Merritt. Mr. Bergmeier seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Motion to go into executive session was made at 7:09 by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted aye. Motion to go out of executive session was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Ms. Merritt at 7:15. All members present voted aye. Motion to recess until July 9 was made by Mr. Bergmeier. Ms. Merritt seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson, Committee Chair