

**MINUTES OF A HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MEETING OF THE  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON MAY 30, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Dennis Castlebury at 8:30 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Rodgers, Mark Menn, Mark Turner, Wayne Bollin, and Patsy Davis. Visitors included highway engineer Elgin Berry. Alex Blythe and Mark Harrison were absent.

Mr. Berry presented the engineer's report. There was discussion regarding purchasing a used motor grader from John Deere. The current grader is having transmission problems. Mr. Bollin stated he believed that since we only put around 300 miles a year on the current grader that we should fix it and continue using it. Ms. Davis made this motion with Mr. Rodgers seconding. All members present voted aye.

The village of Pontoosuc bridge is in Phase 2. The village is working on getting a right of way and should start coordinating with Ameren soon to get the power lines moved at the proposed location of the new bridge.

The city of Warsaw bridge project is in Phase 1. The old bridge was deemed historical since it is an old truss bridge.

Connable Road project will start in July. The county will start charging working days starting July 8 unless it begins sooner. Frontier will start nighttime splicing on June 4 and be done by June 10. Ms. Davis went to the Historical Society and stated the Connable Road was constructed starting in July 1936 and ending in October 1936. The county received 95% of the TARP grant payment for the Connable Road. The remaining 5% will be requested when approximately \$1 million worth of work has been completed.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Bollin motioned to approve the bills. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Bollin and seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Castlebury, Committee Chair