

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL HEALTH MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON JUNE 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Patsy Davis at 8:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Ryan Weeks, Michelle Merritt, and Mark Menn. Absent were Steve Finney, Steve Lucie, and Mark Harrison. Visitors included Maria Hopp, Sheriff Travis Duffy, Larry Akers, Bobi James, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

There was extensive discussion regarding the role of the dog transporter and dispatch. It is felt that the municipalities should deal with their own dog issues, be their own authority, control their own problems, and enact their own ordinances. The animal administrator deals with all bites and the transporter is only for transporting rabid dogs. Mr. Weeks spoke about the Illinois Animal Control Act. Ms. James stated that when she got legal counsel they stated that the county was in good legal standing regarding animal control. Mr. Douglas spoke with the Department of Agriculture and he stated that the county is abiding.

Mr. Weeks made a motion to repeal the 2008 Animal Control Ordinance. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Who will do the paperwork for the bites? Could someone in Ms. Harrell's office do this for a fee? What is the protocol for bites of Memorial Hospital and the Health Department? Ms. Merritt will be in contact with the hospital and health department. Ms. Merritt left at 9:33 a.m. Mr. Menn now makes the quorum.

Ms. Harrell will be contacted to see if somebody in her office would be interested in doing paperwork for the animal bites. Mr. Hopp was contacted by phone. He did not sign a contract. He was an appointment by the animal control administrator. He is willing to do the transporting and paperwork for the next week or 2. If Ms. Harrell's office is not able to do the paperwork he would consider continuing to do the paperwork after some negotiation regarding compensation.

If dispatch receives a bite call all phone calls will go to Mr. Hopp until further notice. He will do the investigation and reporting to turn over to Ms. Harrell.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Weeks and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davis, Chairwoman