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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON:
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The Hamilton County Board convened at the Hamilton County Courthouse in the City of McLeansboro, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 9th day of December, at 4:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Kelly Woodrow.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call, the following Board members responded as being present, which represented a quorum: Kelly Woodrow, John Mead, John Carrell, and Landon Vaughan. Adam Little was absent.

Sheriff Tracy Lakin and Highway Engineer Rick Coronado were also in attendance.

Chairman Woodrow asked if there were any public comments. There were none. He asked the one civics student in attendance to state her name and asked who her parents were.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The board was presented with the agreement between the Hamilton County Board (County Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, Highway Department (Clerical)) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as negotiated for the period beginning December 1, 2025 through November 30th, 2028.

MOTION was made by Landon Vaughan, seconded by John Carrell, to approve the agreement between the Hamilton County Board (County Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, Highway Department (Clerical)) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as presented. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

2. The board was provided with the agreement between the Hamilton County Board and Highway Department and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as negotiated for the period beginning December 1, 2025 through November 30th, 2028.

MOTION was made by Landon Vaughan, seconded by John Mead, to approve the agreement between the Hamilton County Board and Highway Department and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as provided. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

3. The board was presented with the agreement between the Hamilton County Board/Hamilton County Sheriff (Dispatchers) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as negotiated for the period beginning December 1, 2025 through November 30th, 2028.

MOTION was made by Landon Vaughan, seconded by John Carrell, to approve the agreement between the Hamilton County Board/Hamilton County Sheriff (Dispatchers) and Laborers' International Union of North America, the Downstate Illinois Laborer's District Council, Laborer's Local #1197 as presented. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Chairman Woodrow asked for confirmation that the only contract remaining to be finished was the one for the Sheriff's deputies. John Mead confirmed.

4. The board was presented with Resolution #2025-12-01 pertaining to the Hamilton County Courthouse office hours.

MOTION was made by John Mead, seconded by John Carrell, to approve Resolution #2025-12-01 as presented. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION was made by John Carrell, seconded by Landon Vaughan, to appoint Assistant State's Attorney Sarah Mead to the Insurance Committee to replace State's Attorney Justin Hood. The Chairman asked for a roll call vote. On roll call the vote was as follows: Yes- John Carrell, Landon Vaughan, and Kelly Woodrow. John Mead chose to abstain. 3 yes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Chairman Woodrow asked if there were any additional comments or anything before closing the meeting. Sheriff Lakin asked the board what the hold up was with the deputy contract. John Mead said that White County recently approved an 8% salary increase for their deputies. John Carrell noted that our deputies were already

getting paid more than them and are also \$3/hr higher than the city officers. The John’s said they were able to negotiate more for a clothing allowance, but wanted to hold out on the % of the raise.

Next, Chairman Woodrow presented a couple options for an extended warranty on one of the highway department tractors and asked for opinions. He said they could not take any action on it, but wanted to hear what they thought. The board briefly discussed the hours currently on the equipment, the use compared to a farm tractor, and the fact that there are currently no known issues.

MOTION was made by John Mead, seconded by John Carrell, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:_____

COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN