

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE, ON AUGUST 18, 2026**

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Roll call was taken. The invocation was given by Harry Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the county clerk.

Those in attendance included: Mark Menn, Chairman
 Holly A. Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk

Michelle Merritt	Tom Rodgers
Joe Boyles	Steve Lucie
Harry Douglas	Mark Hanson
Mark Harrison	Wayne Bollin
Steve Finney	Dennis Castlebury

Jason Jacquot, Josh Turner, Lee Ann Lambert, and Alex Blythe were absent.

Motion to approve the August minutes was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Douglas. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

The visitors were welcomed. Visitors included Andy Keyt, Justin Greeley, and Bobi James.

The committee reports were gone through. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Merritt. Mr. Boyles seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to approve the Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Grant for the Hancock County Public Transportation. Mr. Rodgers seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Finney made a motion to deny the special use permit for the Highway 61 Sun and 61-2 Sun stating that the application contained inaccurate information and due to the road access. Ms. Merritt seconded the motion. Mr. Keyt, the energy attorney, stated that the application was reviewed and it appears to be in compliance with the ordinance and the state statute, they have satisfied their requirements of the application. The road use will come before the building permit. If IDOT does not approve of that access the whole process will be started over. Ms. Merritt withdrew her second. There was no second motion to Mr. Finney's motion of denial. Mr. Lucie motioned to approve the special use permit, Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Steve Finney and Michelle Merritt voting "no" and all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Castlebury motioned to approve the purchase of a sheriff's department vehicle for \$55,000 including the outfitting. Mr. Boyles seconded. The purchase is in this year's budget. A roll call vote was taken with Mark Hanson voting "no" and all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin motioned to approve the current tax sale process, Mr. Finney seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Boyles. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman
County Clerk