

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE, ON OCTOBER 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Joe Boyles, Dennis Castlebury, LeeAnn Lambert, and Mark Menn. Steve Lucie and John Mason were absent. Visitors included members of the Hancock County Economic Development Housing Grant Board.

Economic Development has an open position. Most housing grant recipients are moving along on their projects. These need to be completed by February/March 2027 to receive funding. This is creating new housing for the area. Mr. Boyles would like to give \$10,000 to Economic Development for housing grants and \$10,000 for the 4-H Extension Center.

The proposed levy is at an increase of 2.3% from last year. The projected EAV is up 8% from last year. The tort levy was lowered.

Would there be enough work to hire a full-time IT? Mr. Boyles has a list of what each office holder would like to have from the IT department. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Douglas moved to purchase a server for Devnet at \$36,000. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Boyles moved to allocate \$50,000 to purchase a county-wide server to be taken out of the 2026 budget. Ms. Lambert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until October 8 at 9 a.m. was made by Ms. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Boyles. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin