

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Joe Boyles, Dennis Castlebury, Lee Ann Lambert, Steve Lucie, and Mark Menn arrived at 7:05. John Mason was absent. Visitors included Holly Wilde-Tillman, Bobi James, Jordan Hawes, Dan Deshong, Kendall Beals, and Tasha Speer.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman, Ms. James, and Mr. Hawes discussed Civic Plus. This is a company that has a FOIA module which stores FOIA requests that the county has had, tracks the progress of the FOIA, and the information is sent to the requestor through this portal. There was discussion amongst the committee if this is something that information technology could do.

Mr. Deshong passed around the Veterans' Assistance budget for 2027. The VSO is at the VFW and Mr. Deshong is at the courthouse. His levy will be put at \$100,000.

Mr. Beals would like to increase his mileage rate to \$3.00/mile. If this was hired out it would cost the county \$4.00/mile plus an hourly rate. Mr. Boyles motioned to raise the mileage rate to \$3.00/mile as of December 1, 2026. Mr. Lucie seconded. All members present voted aye. There was lengthy discussion regarding storage. He will see what other counties do in regards to storage. The autopsy line item will be bumped up to \$35,000 and mileage will be bumped to \$15,000. There is a 3% salary increase.

Ms. Speer discussed IT at the health department. They would be interested in combining IT with the courthouse but their budget is very strict. She had questions about how the billing would be done, would there be overage charges, if they are down would IT be available to come right away, would this position get a raise yearly? She will get with Jessica Croy and see what number would work best with their budget.

Mr. Douglas moved to go into executive session at 8:21 regarding personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Mr. Boyles seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Mr. Douglas motioned to come out of executive session at 8:38, Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

The budget is balanced. The corporate fund will need to be bumped up at a certain point.

Rabies administrator will be raised to \$8000.

Jared Massey will be asked to come to a budget meeting to discuss the website.

The budget has grown by \$200,000. The Building Commission levy will be the same. The health department has asked for a bit of a raise in levy, the veteran has dropped his levy by \$5000. The liability fund could be dropped a bit. They will get with the treasurer to discuss social security and Medicare.

The next budget meeting will be on October 5 after health and miscellaneous committee meeting. Motion to recess until October 5 was made by Ms. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin