

**MINUTES OF A BUDGET MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON OCTOBER 2, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance included Joe Boyles, Harry Douglas, Dennis Castlebury, Alex Blythe, and Mark Menn. Steve Lucie and Lee Ann Lambert were absent. Visitors included Donald Haage and Jeff Dedey.

Mr. Haage was informed by the committee that the health care premiums are being raised by \$20 a month. The cost will now be \$80 a month. The costs of the health insurance go up about 5% each year. Mr. Haage will inform the union of the increase.

There was a lengthy discussion with Mr. Dedey regarding the information technology for the courthouse and what he would like accomplished in the next year. Motion to retain Jeff Dedey as the IT director for 2025-2026 FY at \$40,000/year with no benefits was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bollin stated the estimated EAV has gone down from last year to \$506,836,631. EMS is at \$338,801,849. The next meeting will be held after the full board meeting on October 21.

Highway claims were gone through. Motion to pay the claims was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Bollin. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Blythe seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin