

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE, FEES, AND SALARY MEETING OF THE COUNTY  
OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE,  
IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Joe Boyles, Lee Ann Lambert, Harry Douglas, Dennis Castlebury, Alex Blythe, and Steve Lucie. Visitors included Kris Pilkington, Keara Weber, Michael McVey, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Pilkington talked about the franchise fees that will no longer need to be paid by Mark Irish. The drug court grant was discussed. The auditors will be here April 20. The scanners are here and hooked up but have not been tested.

Ms. Weber passed around her fines list, etc. She states her fine intake was \$54,000 for the month of March.

Mr. McVey stated he has filled the vacancy in his office, they start next Tuesday. He received the final multiplier on Monday which is 1%. Aerial views were discussed. These can be done at \$125/square mile. The public uses these regularly. This will be done for better structural detail. Mr. Lucie asked how can the county utilize taxes on the solar farms. Mr. McVey stated that these are assessed by the state and the county has no zoning.

Mr. Blythe asked if the animal pound was still for sale. Mr. Douglas stated that no bids had been received and that it is still up for purchase.

The veterans meeting was held on April 6. Iris Miller was hired as the veteran's officer of Hancock County. She will be receiving \$1400/month for this position. She needs a printer, computer and an office space. It was asked if she could have an office at the VFW and the county could pay for construction costs.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated the votes are finalized. She is finishing up certificates of election. Only 33% of the public came out to vote. Permanent vote by mail was discussed. People can opt out of this. This would cut costs for the county. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will put an ad in the paper regarding this.

She has an issue with DEVNET and can go no further into the property tax process. When they get this fixed she thinks it should take 3 weeks to finish.

Mr. Blythe motioned to approve the tax deed resolution for 15-10-954-000. Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Boyles asked about how to keep better track of unfinished business.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the claims, Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until May 14 at 9 a.m. was made by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:02.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin