MINUTES OF A FINANCE AND FEES MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CITY OF CARTHAGE ON AUGUST 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 8:59 a.m. Those in attendance included Wayne Bollin, Dennis Castlebury, Joe Boyles, Lee Ann Lambert, Harry Douglas and Steve Lucie. Alex Blythe was absent. Tasha Speer, Jessica Croy, Keith Krohe, Michael McVey, and Keara Weber. Holly A. Wilde-Tillman was present to take minutes.

Ms. Croy and Ms. Speer discussed the budget. There is an increase to fees for food and septic permits that the board would need to approve that they would like to implement for the coming year. IDPH funding will stay level. Discussion ensued on septic, water and well inspections and the authority the Health Department must oversee. Vaccines were discussed and use of grant dollars. Mr. Bollin asked about septic systems in Pontoosuc and new regulations, they are aware and will handle them case by case.

Mr. Krohe updated the committee on the insurance. He knows budget is approaching and the current numbers were shared. The fixed cost for the last two years remains consistent. There has been some change on dependent coverage but no large claims and the total plan cost from last year is down $100,962.00. Mr. Lucie asked about lower premium and Mr. Krohe explained how this is the County's plan and this goes toward reserve but the reserve can be used to offset the increase instead of increasing employee share.

Mr. Menn discussed a full-time IT employee and said that the County might share with the Health Department in the cost. The Health Dept. is interested but will need to know cost. Mr. Menn thanked Ms. Croy and Ms. Speer for the cooperation and Mr. Lucie added that he appreciates them coming to Finance.

Ms. Weber stated things in her office are running smoothly. Ms. Lambert asked her about continued continuances in the courts and what might be the cause as she has received calls on this. Ms. Weber stated that her office is not part of this and many times it is up the attorneys.

Mr. McVey did not have a lot to report other than the GIS conversion is still in the process.

Mr. Menn would like Mr. Bollin, Mr. Boyles, and either Mr. Blythe or Ms. Lambert to be part of the budget committee. Mr. Douglas is willing to assist if necessary.

Mr. Hawes will be starting September 1, 2026 as Chief Deputy and will be assisting with the budget. Discussion was had on purchasing a vehicle with the budgeted $55,000. Next year, another vehicle will be purchased by Warsaw and the County. Mr. Lucie made a motion to use the designated $55,000 for a vehicle and upfitting, it was seconded by Ms. Lambert. Roll call was taken with all members voting "Yes." Motion will be placed on full board agenda. There was discussion on the Sheriff's vehicles and how they will be utilized by the department. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will look at the sheriff's fleets age and get back with the committee.

Mr. Menn signed the contract with the forensic auditor and discussed the contract pricing. There is a possibility of the insurance paying but they need more information. Mr. Douglas is turning over the statements from the credit cards to the clerk. Mr. Douglas reiterated that if we find criminal intent then it needs to be turned over to the State police, they will have Mr. Greeley relay that message.

Mr. Menn received correspondence from the Sheriff's Department union and will respond. Ambulance will be negotiated at the same time. A committee will be established of 3 board members; Mr. Hawes will also be present. Mr. Menn appointed Ms. Lambert, Ms. Merritt and Mr. Douglas with Mr. Lucie, Mr. Bollin or Mr. Boyles as alternates. Mr. Lucie would like periodic updates in executive session. The committee will discuss the use of a labor attorney. Finance will meet after the Highway meeting on August 28, 2026 to give guidelines.

Mr. Menn discussed the possibility of sharing an IT director with the Health Department. They are currently spending $25,000, Mr. Menn believes it will take between $80,000-$120,000 from what other counties in the area are paying.

The single audit was discussed, and the Health Department will not be asked to pay a portion, the extra third will come from the General fund.

Mr. Lucie made a motion to keep the Tax Sale process as is and it was seconded by Mr. Boyles. Roll call was taken with all members voting "Yes," motion will be moved to full board.

Mr. Lucie exited the meeting prior to claims being went over. Mr. Boyles made a motion to approve the claims; it was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All member presented voted "Yes."

Mr. Castlebury voted to recess the meeting until September 10, 2026, at 9 am, it was seconded by Ms. Lambert, all members voted "aye." Meeting recessed at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Mr. Wayne Bollin