

**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
OF DECEMBER 11, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 8:59 a.m. In attendance was Dennis Castlebury, Harry Douglas, Joe Boyles, Lee Ann Lambert, Alex Blythe, Steve Lucie, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Keara Weber, Bobi James, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Weber stated her fine collections have been consistent over the last months. The wiring is being done for the court systems moving from a CAT5 to a CAT6 for better support and faster speeds. Mr. Menn stated that the Building Commission would appreciate a notification for the future.

Ms. James informed the board that her assistant started December 1. She will be working 4 days a week at \$68000/year. The rest of the budgeted line item will be used for outside counsel. She went over her \$25 for supper at a conference. She is willing to cut a personal check for the difference. Food and hotel stay costs were discussed. This varies from state-to-state and districts. Motion to follow the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rates for meals, with no accumulation of funds, and lodging was made by Mr. Boyles. Mr. Lucie seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to increase the mileage rate from 57.5 to 70 cents per mile effective January 1, 2026, was made by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James was told that she does not need to pay the difference in her meal. She was asked if she has all the information she needs for a letter to be sent to Klingner and Associates.

Discussion regarding having 4-H, FFA, or community service be used to install the 911 signs. It was suggested that maybe ESDA could be in charge of installing the signs.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated she has a new voter registration program. Training was this week. There will be another training after the holidays. The election office is now responsible for the ballot layouts. She will be having a couple of college students working on this task to free her up. She would like permission to look into increasing the cost of copying microfilm. With this increase she could increase her record preservation to have a

company come in and scan the documents in to the system. After it is all scanned in then she would go back down in cost.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman would like to have the board discuss the salary for the county clerk, circuit clerk, and treasurer. If any changes are to be made it needs to be changed 180 days prior to the election and would be effective a month following the election.

(any input welcome)

Mr. Boyles would like to discuss storage options to remove combustibles from the IT room. There was discussion regarding the possibility of renting or buying a building on the square. Mr. Menn will discuss this with the Building Commission.

The county financial reports were gone over. Keith Krohe will not be in attendance until February. New premium rates are in effect.

Discussion regarding increasing the per diem pay for county board members ensued. Maybe this would inspire younger people to run for the county board. McDonough County pays insurance for their county board. Justin Greeley will be asked to do a study.

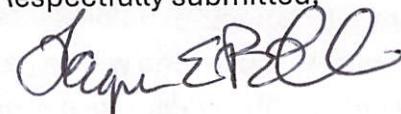
Motion to allow Michael McVey to pay The Masters Touch claim today to save money on postage was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Boyles. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

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

Discussion regarding putting the trash collection out for bid was had. A motion was made by Mr. Boyles to have Ms. Wilde-Tillman write a letter to be sent to GFL informing them of discontinuing service on March 1, 2026. Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Douglas moved to recess until January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Boyles seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne Bollin