

MINUTES OF A FINANCE, FEES, AND SALARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JANUARY 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by committee chair Wayne Bollin at 8:57 a.m. Those present included Dennis Castlebury, Harry Douglas, Joe Boyles, Leann Lambert, and Wayne Bollin. Steve Lucie and Alex Blythe were absent. Visitors included Mike McVey, Kris Pilkington, Keara Weber, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Weber stated her office took in \$38,000 in collections in December. There is \$1.4 million still outstanding. Quicket is to go live the end of February. Mr. Douglas asked her thoughts about the security of the building. There is a concern about individuals being in the courthouse after the bailiff leaves.

Mr. McVey stated they are finishing up 2025. Publications are set for Wednesday, January 14. Board of Review is to meet February 13. They are 7 weeks ahead of last year. There is a hearing scheduled for January 21 regarding a Nauvoo organization and asking for a 50% exemption on a parcel.

Ms. Pilkington has the end of year budget adjustments. These were passed around. She went through the EMS and general fund financials. Motion to approve the resolution for budget and appropriations ordinance for fiscal year 2025 was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Lambert. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman would like to charge \$2 per microfilm copy. She will use this to get a second copy of the microfilm to preserve them. Motion to approve an ordinance amending the Hancock County Recorder's fee schedule to charge \$2 per microfilm copy was made by Mr. Boyles. Mr. Castlebury seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The sheriff had the flag that was flown over the courthouse on the bicentennial framed. This will be hung in the courthouse. Some people have asked about the bicentennial banners. The board was asked if they would consider putting up new banners. The brackets are already in place. The Lion's Club will put these up and they would stay up year round. There will be a closing celebration for the bicentennial celebration at Kibbe Museum. Motion to donate a banner to the Historical Society, One for the courthouse and

deem the other 6 as surplus was made by Mr. Douglas. This was seconded by Mr. Boyles. There will be a silent bid for the banners with bids to be opened on February 12. A legal notice will be put in the Journal Pilot and an article regarding the banners will be put in the Quill. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman is putting an ad in the paper regarding getting bids for trash collection. She handed out comparatives of salaries for the circuit clerk, treasurer, and county clerk positions. Salaries need to be set 180 days before the election.

Motion to move into executive session was made by Mr. Douglas at 9:40 a.m. Mr. Boyles seconded. All members present voted aye. Mr. Castlebury moved to move out of executive session at 9:47. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding Donald Haage getting compensated for him stepping in for Aaron Feagain. He has done an excellent job communicating to the board and has come to all of the meetings. The hospital contract will be discussed when Mr. Feagain returns to work.

Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Boyles seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Mr. Douglas at 10:14, seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye. Motion to leave executive session was made by Mr. Boyles at 10:26. This was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn stated that you can look at the salary data but he does not feel you should be comparing Hancock County to other counties as there is no relevance. The amount of work each office does does not matter. He feels you should stick with a percentage or a certain amount and stick with that.

Motion to recess until February 12 was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Boyles seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin

