**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JULY 10, 2025**

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

Ms. Weber stated there is nothing new in collections. This has to come at the directive of the states’ attorney. Every week they bring in a little more fine money. Ms. Weber left at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman reminded the committee that on August 5 they can take out election packets for the March primary. These need to be turned back in from October 27 to November 3. The checks need to have 2 signatures, 1 from the treasurer and 1 from the county clerk. At times there has been a problem getting a second signature without somebody coming in from their vacation. She asked if Ms. Weber could be added to the account as a signor? She is bonded. Motion to add Keara Weber as a signor for checks was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye.

There has been an insurance claim for a sheriff vehicle versus deer incident.

Mr. Feagain stated that EMS is in their new building and functioning well. The curb is a bit sharp to get in and out. He went over the vehicle fleet. They are fully staffed at the moment. Satellite radios have not been installed in the ambulances yet.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman went over how the TIF district works. The Hamilton school district is missing out on $428,000 from their TIF.

Mr. McVey states that over the long run this means higher tax rates to make up the difference. Everybody is negatively affected by the TIF district. He stated that they need a third party for the Board of Review who needs to not be associated with the republican party.

The step increase will take place on the employee’s anniversary date.

Mr. Lucie was asking if we could think of a way to get more money for commercial solar, either through taxes or fees. There will be a change from a bond to escrow motion coming to full board on July 15.

Claims were gone over. Motion to deny reimbursing the Hancock County Sheriff’s office for the inmate commissary, and to use the credit card to purchase food was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Boyles. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Kendall Beals was asked to come to the next finance meeting to discuss his storage claims.

Mr. Lucie made a motion to pay all of the claims except for the inmate commissary. This was seconded by Mr. Castlebury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

The sheriff was asked to come in to the next building and grounds committee meeting and the next finance meeting in August. He stated that he is not sure if he will be able to come due to a medical emergency in the family and an upcoming conference.

Mr. Castlebury motioned to recess until August 14 at 9 a.m. Mr. Boyles seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin