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

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

Ms. Weber passed out the circuit clerk package. Fines are being taken in above average. Jury trials are next week. They will find out today if there will be a trial. Mr. Menn reminded her that Juneteenth is not a paid holiday.

Mr. McVey stated that Sidwell took another deduction of $10/hour per document off the price through 2026. The price was dropped down to $6290. Mr. Boyles stated he felt the other GIS company was unorganized and did not seem to want to help out the county. No one from the company has reached out to the county since the conference call. This will be coming out of the GIS fund. Mr. McVey was not aware they were bought out until spring. Mr. Boyles approved switching to Sidwell for GIS, Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried. Mr. McVey will need to write a letter stating that we no longer need the service of Schneider for GIS.

Keith Krohe will be at the meeting in August. Currently the medical costs are $80,000 less than last year. Rx is about the same.

Ms. Pilkington emailed the audit to the board members. Kamryn Schrepfer will come to a full board meeting to discuss it. The distribution was done on July 1. The highway department, Hancock County Public Transportation, and the health department put the county over budget for a single audit. Motion to charge 1/3 of the overage to the 3 entities was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

She was told she could hire somebody at anytime to start training to take Shannon Kissinger’s position.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman talked about a new tax sales law. After the 1-3 year period of being delinquent, the property will be taken to auction. Tax payers can also make payments on the delinquent taxes. She will be mailing out her permanent vote by mail. The form is also on the website. She had court yesterday for the electoral board. The case was continued for 2 weeks. Mr. Castlebury moved to approve the resolution to approve election judges. This is done every 2 years. Mr. Douglas seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

On Facebook someone had commented about the weeds at the EMS building. This is on somebody else's property and cannot be mowed by the county.

Opening of the bids for the bicentennial banners was done. Robert Steinman bid $15/each for 2 banners. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the bids, Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye.

Justin Greeley of Bellwether has sent out the budget preparation to the office holders. These are to be returned by August 1. There will be meetings with each office holder in August and then budget meetings will begin.

Adam Pulley, CPA, is the forensic auditor that Justin Greeley has suggested the county use for the sheriff's office. Credit card receipts from 2023 and some from 2024 have still not be turned in.

Judge Clark and Alex Whitman informed the committee that they will be giving $50,000 out of the public defender's grant to the county to use towards payment for the conflict public defender.

Mr. Lucie does not want to spend a lot of money toward a forensic audit. He stated the committee should start looking over what we have. Mr. Menn told him to set a date and have the finance committee go over them. Mr. Douglas made a motion to hire a forensic auditor, talk to Adam Pulley via Zoom to see if he would be interested in the case, and if not hire a different forensic auditor. Mr. Blythe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

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

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin