

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 JUNE 11, 2026

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

Ms. Kissinger stated that Ms. Pilkington wanted her to inform the members that the ambulance is in the hole as they have not received their first distribution. They are scheduled to do the distribution on July 1.

Ms. Weber passed around the circuit clerk packet. Her office will be closed in observance of Juneteenth as per the chief judge's order. Some of the staff is doing special projections or taking vacation time. She is fully staffed again. The generator is being worked on. The installation will be done on a weekend.

Mr. McVey discussed the 2 GIS companies, Schneider and Sidwell. He has worked with Sidwell for 4 years and Schneider for 1 year. He has difficulty getting in touch with anybody at Schneider. They state they will fix something and it does not happen. The upfront cost is \$10,000. The cost for doing splits is \$150/hour with Sidwell and \$135/document for Schneider. Over the long term, going with Sidwell would be a savings to the county. They have a better mapping product. Mr. Blythe motioned to negotiate the cost down to \$4000, Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. James states that she does not have an issue with Mr. Menn signing the release from Country Financial on the snowplow damage. She spoke with Andrew Kite, energy attorney, who stated he would be willing to appear by Zoom at full board on June 16, 2026. His cost is \$475/hour. He might have his associate Alex Rives on Zoom at \$375/hour or his paralegal Brian Tuck who would be \$275/hour. He is out of Peoria. The fee would be whoever does the Zoom meeting. The public hearing for the Hamilton 61 and 61-2 Sun Solar project has been canceled. The argument is when the start date for the 60 days starts, April 29 or June 2. Regarding the EMS fee schedule, she is not sure if this is actually considered an Intergovernmental Agreement. She would like the contingency portion removed from the agreement. Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the tier fee schedule and intergovernmental

agreement with removal of the word contingency from the agreement, Ms. Lambert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman and Ms. Pilkington received a lawsuit related to a FOIA which neither of them received. Jeff Dedey, IT, has looked and could not find either request. Ms. James is going to contact the law firm and explain what was thought had happened and try to reach an agreement of paying for their filing fee and service fees and give them the information that they requested. It was discussed to put the employees salaries on the website to cut down on FOIA requests.

Ms. James has a case for a sexually dangerous person. She would like to hire an expert witness to testify at trial. This is not in her budget. The budget will be amended for this.

Ms. James responded to Mr. Douglas' email this morning. She has received 10 months of 2023 credit card statements and receipts, all of 2025. She is missing a few from 2024. Michelle Gold is working on getting the rest. A FOIA request will be sent to the sheriff's office to provide emails and text messages from a few individuals. Ms. James will have this by Monday. She will get the Zoom meeting scheduled. Mr. Menn told her that the solar farm in Nauvoo has weeds growing and the culvert at the one in Niota is smashed. Bellwether can send an initial letter to these solar companies. She will speak to Bellwether before the full board meeting.

Mr. Lucie would like to amend the moratorium for the data centers. This will be discussed at full board.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman talked about a letter she received from the EPA. This was thought to be an invoice. Mr. Douglas motioned to pay the invoice, Mr. Blythe seconded. It was looked over and was discovered it was not an invoice. Mr. Douglas and Mr. Blythe withdrew their motions.

She has a bill from the Journal Pilot for \$60 to recognize her co-op student Cora Hanks. She asked if this could come out of her line item or if she needed to pay it herself. The consensus was for her to have it paid out of a line item. Cora Hanks will be asked to come to full board.

The first electoral board met on Monday, June 8. The board went through the objections. Many were sustained but some were denied. The opinion will be done tomorrow by the states' attorney and the petitioner has 5 days to appeal the decision.

Mr. Douglas asked if Ryan Weeks was resigning his role on the board. He is but he has not signed a form to have his name taken off the ballot. This form needs to be notarized. He also has not completed the noxious weed report. Her office is getting ready to send out permanent vote by mail letters to sign up or opt out. She will have a couple of high school students stuffing envelopes for this project.

Mr. Douglas motioned to pay the second payment of the statue of Abraham Lincoln which is 40% of the cost. Mr. Lucie seconded. The money has been received for this. 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. Blythe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried. There was 1 concern in the claims. Mr. Douglas will speak to Mr. Feagain about this.

Motion to recess was made by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. Lucie. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin