

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE, ON JULY 21, 2026**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the county clerk. The invocation was given by Mark Hanson. Roll call was taken. Members in attendance included Michelle Merritt, Lee Ann Lambert, Tom Rodgers, Steve Lucie, Harry Douglas, Mark Hanson, Mark Harrison, Wayne Bollin, Steve Finney, Josh Turner, Dennis Castlebury, Jason Jacquot, and Mark Menn. Alex Blythe and Joe Boyles were absent. Visitors included Justin Greeley, Bobi James, Adam Pulley, Justin Nore, and Emily Devereaux.

Mr. Greeley spoke to the auditors stated that the county would like to bring them in for charges on credit cards and possible misuse of funds. Ms. Devereaux stated that she doubts that she would be able to get 100% of the receipts and invoices for the credit card statements. She will focus on the higher risk, higher dollar, higher suspect transactions. She can use alternate procedures to get receipts, do interviews and look through emails. She states this will increase the public's trust by taking a proactive approach. She asked if the insurance company would require some sort of investigation for loss of funds and could the county recoup some of these.

Mr. Lucie asked how much this would cost the county. She stated for a typical review, 3 years on 1 account, data acquisition, turn to electronic format, performance analysis and review and identifying the high-risk transactions she anticipates 80 hours of work this would be around \$30,000. This will be discussed at the next finance meeting in August. Motion to recess was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Finney. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman