

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 8, 2026**

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The meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Menn at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Mark Hanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Menn. Roll call was taken.

Members in attendance included:	Mark Menn, Chairman
	Stephanie Swisegood, Secretary
Michelle Merritt	Lee Ann Lambert
Joe Boyles	Alex Blythe
Steve Lucie	Harry Douglas
Wayne Bollin	Mark Hanson
Dennis Castlebury	Steve Finney

Ryan Weeks, Tom Rodgers, Josh Turner, and Mark Harrison were absent. Visitors included Justin Greeley, Kris Pilkington and Stacey Bainter, Director of Drug Court Services.

Ms. Bainter stated that McDonough County has been in charge of the drug court funds but the grant renewal application is due next week. This is being held up because McDonough County is still in the audit process with the drug court funds. As a result of this they are on a list where they cannot receive grants. Ms. Bainter is asking that this be ran through Hancock County for the 3-year grant cycle and longer if the county would like. Mr. Castlebury entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m. Ms. Pilkington and Mr. Greeley discussed how many line items will need to be added. Mr. Douglas motioned to approve Hancock County take over the drug court grant. Mr. Boyles seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion carried.

Mr. Blythe discussed that LaHarpe will no longer receive the Epic service as of July 31, 2026.

Motion to recess was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Finney. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly A. Wilde-Tillman