

**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 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Alex Blythe, Mark Menn, Dennis Castlebury, Mark Menn, and Mark Hanson arrived at 9:07 a.m. Visitors included Keith Krohe, Keara Weber, Kris Pilkington, and Holly Wilde-Tillman. Ms. Davis arrived at 9:20.

Ms. Weber handed out a debit and credit summary of the circuit clerk's office. This shows that there is \$2.3 million in unpaid fines. There was a meeting with a rep from a collections agency in which the Judge approved starting with debts that are 10 years old or greater. The company name is Paycourt and they specialize in court collections.

Mr. Krohe presented the 7-month comparison of the health care plan from last year. The total fixed cost this year is \$234,710, last year was \$209,347. The total plan cost from last year was \$352,883 and this year is \$478,074. There is \$432,078 in reserves and cash in the plan. The budget process will be started in August. There was discussion to increase the plan by 7%.

Ms. Pilkington stated their department is busy collecting taxes. The state is \$287,000 behind on payments. There was discussion regarding ARPA and transferring money to the Building Commission.

Henderson County is having difficulty covering dispatch. The sheriff's department will be covering an 8-hour shift daily. There will be funds coming from Henderson County. There was discussion regarding ambulance transfers for Memorial Hospital. It is contracted at \$225,000. In April the hospital took this down to \$215,000 without our approval. Nothing can be agreed upon without board approval. This will be brought to the board, vote on it, and then go back to the hospital. Mr. Castlebury stated the hospital should pay a penalty if they go over the quoted amount.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated she has not received the sheriff's credit card statement yet. Mr. Castlebury made a motion to provide the sheriff's office a second credit card with 2 different numbers not to exceed \$10,000 and possibly \$7500. Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye.

The new handicapped machines will be delivered July 16 and she will have training in August. They will be here to service the DS200 machines. She is working on the consolidated election of 2025, filings begin August 20 for independents. A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Approving Election Judges for Hancock County was made by Mr. Hanson. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

There is a new law that will change how the trustee can obtain properties. Interest rates have dropped. Properties that are coded differently can get a tax deed within a year. Mr. Blythe made a motion to approve the Resolution for Taxing Districts #15-09-727-001, Mr. Hanson seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Ms. Davis stated the Hearts of Hancock has requested funds. The health committee had mentioned this in the past when the animal pound was being closed and the burden was going to be on the Hearts of Hancock for any strays. They have a new administrator. The county does want to open themselves up to any nonprofit needing money. Motion to consider a donation to the Hearts of Hancock was made by Mr. Blythe, Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

There was a question if the sexual harassment training is to be done year?

Mr. Castlebury made a motion to approve the claims. Mr. Blythe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Budgets will start in August. Motion to recess until August 8 at 9 a.m. was made by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Bollin, Committee Chair