

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE, FEES AND SALARIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE  
ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY DECEMBER 2021.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present were Harry Douglas, Delbert Kreps, Gary Stansbury, Mark Hanson, Tom Bergmeier, Wayne Bollin and Jan Fleming. Visitors present were Travis Duffy and Brianna from Ramsey insurance.

Brianna talked about insuring the Public Transportation buses and vans. She stated that a new certificate of insurance has been provided by Transportation complying with the contract. It cost around \$3,000 to add but she noted this is not typical since we are not in control of the vehicles. Durham has liability for 5 million per occurrence. Mr. Bollin asked if we should insure for more and Brianna stated a separate policy would be required. Mr. Bollin also stated that we may need to re-evaluate the contract if it is going to cost the County. In the beginning they were told there would be no cost. Brianna state Ms. Lambert was very accommodating. Mr. Menn asked if the insurance company needed a list of drivers. Mr. Menn said we needed to have Ms. James write a letter and send the bill to Public Transportation for reimbursement.

Brianna will also look into a workmen's comp claim and how an officer will be reimbursed for time off. It was noted that the Sheriff's contract needed to be evaluated regarding this.

Ms. Pilkington was not able to attend but provided a monthly budgetary status report. She also included a letter from Mutual Medical regarding Air Evac. Mr. Bollin called Keith for an explanation. No Surprise Act was passed. Under this act, if the health plan pays for this service to a PPO provider, then the same payment must be made to the non-PPO air flight firm benefits cannot be paid directly to the patient. If the health plan and air transport firm cannot agree on a price, then the case goes to an arbitrator with the loser paying the arbitrator. It is recommended that the County board investigate providing Air Evac for their employees because if they have a membership then they cannot comeback on insurance. Mr. Bergmeier thinks this is a good way to protect our insurance. Mr. Krohe will attend next month's meeting and Mr. Menn is having Penny Roberts speak on Air Evac.

Mr. Duffy spoke on getting MTC for their phone carrier. It will save \$200 a month but the cost for new phones is around \$8,100. Mr. Menn wanted to make sure Ms. Hopp was involved and Mr. Duffy said she was handling it. Mr. Bergmeier asked if 911 would be willing to help with the cost and Mr. Kreps said he would speak with Ms. Hopp. It was discussed using ARPA funds, but Mr. Douglas suggested using the Court Security funds and they decided to ask Ms. Mast if that was possible. Mr. Menn made a motion for Mr. Duffy to proceed, and it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. A voice voted was taken with all members voting "aye."

An insurance check for \$16,066.20 was received for the 2021 Ford Explorer that hit a deer. It was decided to have Mr. Duffy deposit that check in the vehicle replacement fund and Mr. Duffy would write a check from there for repairs and deductible.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman reported to the board that she had been approached about links or advertising being added to our county website. The committee discussed this and felt that the County website should be for county business and services the county provides. Mr. Hanson made a motion to have a policy in place not allowing links or ads being placed on website, it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted "aye." It was recommended that Ms. James prepare a resolution stating this.

There was discussion about the benefits of using Bellwether for the budget process. Mr. Bollin and Ms. Wilde-Tillman feel they receive a lot of support and Bellwether is very good at corresponding. Many members agreed. Mr. Hanson made a motion to hire Bellwether for the 2022 Budget process and it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All member present voted "aye." The motion will go to full board

Ms. Wilde-Tillman would like to have approval to proceed for the HAVA Election Security Grant. This will provide funds for election security in her office. A motion was made by Mr. Bergmeier to approve this and move it on to full board, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson. All members voting "aye".

Ms. Wilde-Tillman provided the board with a proposed meeting schedule for their committee, Mr. Bollin verified the days. The committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Hancock County board room. Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the schedule and it was seconded by Mr. Stansbury. All those present voted "aye." Motion carried.

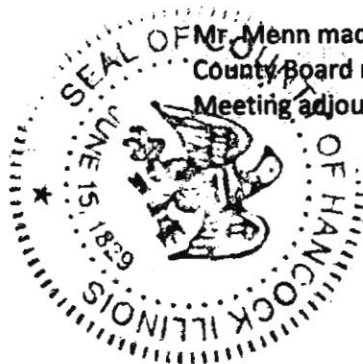
Ms. Wilde Tillman presented the resolution for the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor agreement. Mr. Menn made a motion enter into agreement with the State and it was seconded by Ms. Fleming. All members present voted "aye." Resolution will be taken to full board.

Mr. Bollin asked Ms. Fleming about the ambulance budget and Ms. Fleming said they had not met with Ms. Meeks this month.

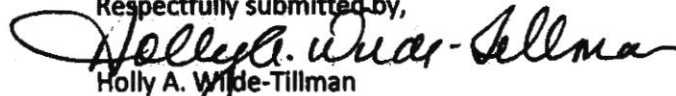
Ms. Fleming asked about Sheriff negotiations and Mr. Menn said he felt better after the last meeting and they will meet again on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and hopefully finalize.

Fifty-fours claims were presented and reviewed for payment. Mr. Stansbury made a motion to send them to the full board for payment, it was seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted "aye."

Mr. Menn made a motion to adjourn until January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hancock County Board room, it was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted "aye."  
Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully submitted by,

  
Holly A. Wilde-Tillman  
Hancock County Clerk and Recorder