

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Harry Douglas, Wayne Bollin, Janet Fleming, Delbert Kreps, and Mark Hanson. Dennis Castlebury arrived at 9:26 a.m. Visitors included Keara Weber, Kris Pilkington, and Holly Wilde-Tillman. Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take notes of the meeting.

Ms. Weber stated she has a new server which cost \$38,905 which she is hoping will be paid for with a technology grant. She has an employee that will be out on medical leave. A previous employee will come in and do temporary work to alleviate the workload. They have had a massive amount of appeals. The new software will be going live in January. Ms. Weber left at 9:01 a.m.

Ms. Pilkington gave her financial report. The ambulance note is due November 30, 2022. She would like direction of what she needs to do. Mr. Duffy arrived at 9:14 a.m. Discussion ensued regarding the ambulance financial situation and how to raise revenue. Mr. Menn made a motion that we put a \$0.25 referendum on property tax on the ballot for April 2023 election. Ms. Fleming seconded it. The states attorney will need to write the paperwork up. All members present voted aye.

Motion to have Ms. Pilkington apply for a line of credit for EMS for 6 months up to \$200,000 specified as payroll and operating expenses was made by Ms. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Menn. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Pilkington would like to make the hazard stipend pay separate from payroll. The stipend pay will be done on December 1, 2022.

Motion to authorize Ms. Pilkington to pay the tax anticipation warrant off by November 30, 2022, was made by Mr. Menn. Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Pilkington left at 10:04 a.m. There were 2 bids for the conflict public defender. Lucie, Bougher, and Associates bid was \$96,000, and Rasmussen/Dittmer made a bid for \$65,000. Mr. Menn made a motion to accept the bid from Rasmussen/Dittmer for the 2022-2023. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Duffy received a bill from McDonough District Hospital for blood work that was done on the officers involved in a shooting. It was sent to worker's compensation and they will not pay for it. They also had to have an interview with a psychologist. He would like some guidance on how to pay for this. Mr. Bollin advised him to take it out of the contingency fund. Mr. Duffy left at 10:24 a.m.

Claims were gone over. Motion to pay the claims was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Ms. Fleming. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Bollin explained that the treasurer's office does not care for how Bellwether does the budget. He will advise them to write down what they do not like about the process.

Motion to recess until December 8 was made by Ms. Fleming. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman