

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF
CARTHAGE ON MARCH 9, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Dennis Castlebury, Andrew Asbury, Mark Hanson, Mark Menn, and Wayne Bollin. Absent were Harry Douglas, Tom Bergmeier, and Alex Blythe. Visitors were Brianna Schneider, Patsy Davis, Jared Massey, Keith Krohe, Kris Pilkington, Keara Weber, Bobi James, Holly Wilde-Tillman, Travis Duffy, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Schneider was checking in to see if there are any questions. There have been no worker's compensation claims. The total claims for 2022 totaled \$42837, in 2021 it totaled \$341,000. The audit is complete.

Ms. Weber stated her Technology Modernization Grant was approved for \$231,000. This will be used for new software, new copier, courtroom technology. The new software is going live on April 3, 2023.

Mr. Krohe went over the medical insurance plan. There is a \$3 charge that is an unfunded mandate due to the no surprise act. TPA has to build a website where members can go to that website and put in a procedure which they will have done, and this website tells them how much they will pay out of their pocket. It costs \$200,000 annually. There are 6000 members which will be splitting this cost. This should cost the county about \$240 a month and will come out of the liability fund.

Mr. Duffy stated the engine went out of one of their vehicles for the sheriff's department. They are now down 3 vehicles. He is trying to find a used one. He had ordered one in October which has not even been scheduled to be built yet. Mr. Hanson instructed Mr. Duffy to come to building and grounds on Tuesday to discuss it further. Mr. Duffy stated Josh Smith is looking at a system called "All Call" which the sheriff's department could hit a button and send emergency notifications to employees. Ms. Wilde-Tillman had looked at something similar to this 4 months ago. They will run this through IT to make sure it works with our system.

Mr. Massey stated as of yesterday all of our email data has been wiped off of his server. This is a less load on his server. We have made a great move going from a less secure system to a very secure one. Now our website will run faster. He has a timesheet that he has been keeping track of hours. He asked that we consider updating the website to make it more secure. He thinks if we could start over we could improve it dramatically. He was told to get with Mr. Dedey and come up with a price to present to finance in July to figure out the budget.

Ms. Davis informed the committee that Jack Curfman had asked about cleaning up some downed trees and limbs in the county properties in Niota. She took Roger Pilkington to Niota. She had him look at the downed trees. They spoke with Art Allen who is adopting the lot, and he would like to give the wood to people to use as firewood. Mr. Pilkington will get with Mr. Allen to get this taken care of.

Ms. Pilkington stated she went to a conference and they have a cyber security unit. The government offers a free service where they act as the average joe and try to hack in to our system to see how secure it is. She was told to go forward with it. She went over the ambulance funds. The state owes the county 2 months totaling \$221,000. There is \$900,000 in reserves. The audit will be done in May this year.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated the sheriff's department had been paying 2 phone bills for quite a while but finally got Frontier disconnected. There is a credit of \$947 which will be sent to the sheriff's department. Ms. Wilde-Tillman credited Ms. Swisegood for her efforts getting this taken of. She had talked with Amazon about setting up a business account. They asked her if the whole county would be able to put together with the Highway Department's business account. Her office is in the process of having a fee study done. This needs to be voted on by April's full board meeting to have the changes on the books on May 1. She advised the committee to let the community know that when they go to vote that they need to flip the ballot over because there is a back page to vote on. Election judge school is March 24th and 25th. Saturday voting is March 25 from 8-12.

Mr. Bollin informed the committee that the Coalition Against CO2 Pipelines will be at the full board meeting on March 21 and will give a presentation. The meeting may take place in the courtroom.

The subject of 2 bills being paid ahead of time for drug court was brought up. It was advised that these needed to be ran through a committee before they are paid. Uses of the opioid settlement was discussed.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman discussed with the committee about the Hamilton ballot and a candidate's name for mayor being misspelled. There was discussion with Hamilton's city attorney about options. Ms. Wilde-Tillman has been in contact with the State Board of Elections and Ms. James.

Motion to allow Jeff Dedeay to get a credit card was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye.

Ms. James gave an update to the CO2 pipeline. She has had bills that have added up to around \$20,000. She was informed that by the time we get through the whole process with appeals, etc, that this will cost upwards of \$200,000 for the county. Do we use the money towards setting up ordinances, zoning? She was instructed to get as much information as she can and go from there. She is still in the process of looking for an assistant.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Asbury motioned the claims be approved, Hanson seconding. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until April 13 at 9:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Asbury. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman