

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT  
THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON APRIL 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin. Members in attendance included Mark Menn, Harry Douglas, Tom Bergmeier, Andrew Asbury, Wayne Bollin, and Dennis Castlebury arrived at 9:28 a.m. Visitors included Keara Weber, Kris Pilkington, Breanna Schneider, Aaron Feagain, Ryan Jacquot, Holly Wilde-Tillman, Travis Duffy, Erica Thurman, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Ms. Thurman informed the board that the money budgeted for juvenile detention is almost gone. There have been several adult offenses in teens. The committee told her that they can amend it at the end of the year. She left at 9:11 a.m.

Mr. Douglas motioned we go into executive session regarding personnel, Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye. Mr. Bergmeier motioned we come out of executive session at 9:37 a.m. Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Weber stated that they have their new software and it is wonderful. They have not had any inhouse scanning yet. She is hoping to hire somebody part-time to do the scanning, she will pay this out of document storage. She left at 9:40 a.m.

Mr. Jacquot was there to discuss the sale of the ambulance building. They have agreed upon \$355,000, which is what it appraised at. The county will fix the leak in the roof. We will lease the building for a maximum of 2 years at \$25,000/year to be paid monthly at \$2083.33. We can have an easy out from the lease. The county will also pay utilities and do groundskeeping. One of the rooms will have a lock put on the door instead of building a wall for confidentiality purposes. Mr. Asbury motioned to move the prospect of the building sale to full board pending the corrections with Mr. Douglas seconding. Bollin, Douglas, Asbury, and Castlebury voted aye. Bergmeier voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Feagain presented the intergovernmental agreement between Hancock County and Lee County EMS. This goes both ways. When either are activated on a call they will respond to the highest certification level of the crew on duty. Mr. Bergmeier moved we approve the IGA between Hancock and Lee County EMS. Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye.

He explained the narcotics agreement with Memorial Hospital. Right now if the crew takes a patient to Memorial Hospital they cannot restock their medications. They need to go to Blessing Hospital to get them refilled. This will allow for less conversion. Motion to approve the narcotics agreement was made by Mr. Asbury with Mr. Bergmeier seconding. All members present voted aye.

The transport agreement is being worked on and should be presented at full board in May. The union contract is open. Mr. Feagain has people waiting and interested in jobs but do not want to leave a job until they know the pay. There will be a union meeting on April 18 at 9 a.m. Mr. Feagain left at 10:17 a.m.

Mr. Duffy informed the committee that another one of his fleet was struck by a deer. He was told the insurance could render it totaled, and after the \$1000 deductible we would get \$14,950 plus we have \$7300 from the Explorer being totaled. There is a Durango at a dealer for \$42,007 that he is interested in. They have a vehicle with a bad motor that he has been looking into changing the motor out but they do not build those motors anymore. He was told to write a check out of the general fund and replenish it with the checks he gets. Mr. Castlebury motioned the sheriff purchase the Durango for \$42,007, Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye.

He has been talking to the Southeastern school district about them wanting a deputy on duty during school hours. They have agreed to pay \$85,000/year. There is a female officer who will go through the training for this if it passes. The schools can only use a certified officer under a police department. Mr. Menn, Mr. Duffy, and Mr. Douglas will go speak with Southeastern school.

Ms. Pilkington gave her financial report. She wondered what to do if they ran out of the line of credit money. Mr. Bergmeier motioned to give Ms. Pilkington permission to subsidize EMS if necessary to pay bills and payroll until the building sale proceedings. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman went through the fee study. She had brought this to Health and Miscellaneous but was told it should also go to Finance. This fee study showed how much it costs us to provide services to the community. The election went well, the results are still not finalized. Six of the machines had issues, some were human error and some had card issues. Two of her cabinets that hold the machines cannot lock the machine in place. She had a meeting with ES&S on Wednesday and they informed her that they are sunsetting her machines starting January 1, 2025. They can no longer get the cards for the machines and they are also ran through Windows XP which no longer exists. She is discussing the possibility of getting used equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Douglas to give Ms. Wilde-Tillman latitude to look into used election machines, Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Bergmeier. Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until May 11, 2023, was made by Mr. Bergmeier. Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman