

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE
ON MAY 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Alex Blythe, Tom Bergmeier, Mark Hanson, Mark Menn, Wayne Bollin, and Andrew Asbury. Visitors included Keith Krohe, Mike Heisler, Holly Wilde-Tillman, Aaron Feagain, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Krohe informed the committee of an addendum to be added to the language of the drug program regarding injectables and infusions. This is on the medical side but needs to be added to the drug program on page 3. This gives a better language that an infusion can be denied by the plan and then Mutual Medical will write a letter to the doctor and then the provider will send in a letter to the drug company for a subsidy. Motion to pass an addendum to the plan on page 3 was made by Mr. Hanson and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Feagain presented the union contract. The union voted and agreed to the different changes and updates to the current union contract. There is going to be a \$2.88 raise for EMTs, \$3.33 raise for medics. This will go into effect on June 1, 2023. The wording "parttime" was taken out of the contract and will either be full time or per diem. Vacation and sick time will be put on the pay stubs. The pay is very comparable to other counties around Hancock County. It is above Adams County's salary. Mr. Douglas thanked Mr. Feagain that during the contract he knew his stuff, gave reasonable counter proposals, knows the system well enough to save us a lot of money. The revised contract will be ready for full board on May 16, 2023. Motion to move the contract to full board was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Asbury. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn wanted to talk about what the next step for EMS is since the building will be sold in the next 10 days. The committee would like to turn this over to the Building Commission. Mr. Heisler stated they would be responsible for the lease, expenses of the facility, utilities, and putting a facility together that works for the ambulance that we can be proud of. Further discussion regarding the Building Commission ensued. Motion to have the Building Commission take over expenses, research, location, and housing of the EMS for the future was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Asbury seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated Mr. Dittmer is emailing the title commitment and deed today. The lender needs the contract from Ms. James which Mr. Menn has signed. After the lender gets the contract, we are looking at a week for closing.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman informed the committee that Meyer-Chapel has sent another invoice for their work in the pipeline litigation. We are only going to put in a total of \$60,000 towards this litigation.

She spoke about the Automark machines used for voting. We can continue to use them which saves a lot of money. ES&S offers a service contract for \$11,000/year for them to continue to maintain them. It will be \$3900 to get the software to run them. Discussion was had on possible rank choice voting. This may only need to be done in federal elections. Mr. Bollin told Ms. Wilde-Tillman to get more information and we will put this into the budget for next year.

The metal voting cabinets are no longer needed with the newer voting machines we purchased. It was discussed regarding how to dispose of the cabinets. Motion to allow the metal voting machine cabinets to be deemed surplus and having townships dispose of them was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

There was discussion regarding other unused office equipment and what to do with it. Mr. Blythe moved to deem all unused office equipment as surplus and be disposed of. Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman informed the committee that Ms. Livingston rolled over the taxes last night. The multiplier was received on Tuesday. She plans to start taxes on Monday. The multiplier is 1 for the whole county. This should take about 6 weeks with the approximate payment dates being up to the treasurer.

Motion to pass the resolution as trustee for taxing districts #13-19-898-000 was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Asbury. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Menn stated spoke with Ada Bair and would like to apologize for the proclamation. He will address this publicly at the board meeting.

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

Motion to recess until June 8 at 9 a.m. was made by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman