

MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON AUGUST 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Dennis Castlebury, Tom Bergmeier, Mark Menn, Harry Douglas, Mark Hanson, Alex Blythe, and Andrew Asbury. Visitors included Ryan Ramsey, Matthew Thor, Jeff Dedey, Keith Krohe, Kris Pilkington, Aaron Feagain, and Travis Duffy.

Mr. Ramsey stated he got information to Ms. Bobi James about insurance bidding. Worker's compensation is in a pool and needs a 90-day notice. He is more than happy to give anybody interested in bidding an updated loss run.

Mr. Thor spoke to the committee about the printer situation in his office. He was not aware that the copier he had was on a borrowing basis. The printer stopped working. He tried to get it serviced but because of the age of the model there was nobody who would service it or have the necessary parts to fix it. He made an emergency decision and bought a new printer from Digital Copy Systems for \$1700 plus a monthly maintenance agreement. In the process the company took the borrowed copier to recycle. He is more than happy to adjust the wrong doing and buy a new printer for the building commission. He was told that the claim to Digital Copy Systems will be paid and the county clerk has a used copier that the building commission can use.

Mr. Dedey brought his preliminary budget. He would like to get good use of the equipment we have and get IT more standardized for all departments. If any office is getting new computers, other offices could use the used computers and he can upgrade them. He is interested in applying for grants. He is working on getting the FOIA request process easier.

Mr. Krohe presented the 8-month comparison to 2022. Health plan costs are down \$54,910 from last year. He is working on getting a bid in for liability insurance for the county.

Mr. Feagain stated he had an Ameren bill from April that he thought he had paid. He looked into this further and he did owe it. The state will be here on August 14 to inspect the entire fleet of ambulances. He will then put the 2 new ambulances into service and take 2 out of service.

Ms. Pilkington discussed the first distribution. This is the biggest first distribution she has ever done. Penalties will be less than what we budgeted for. The ambulance is in the black at \$305329.22, general fund is \$354,298.42. She received another check for the opioid settlement and asked if she was to put it in the same fund as the other. Mr. Menn stated yes. She will be receiving another settlement for \$275.78. The audit is done. It is on the website. They will deliver hard copies on Friday. The second tax bills are due by September 1. She will send out another distribution on September 8.

Mr. Duffy discussed the sheriff's contract with the City of Warsaw. This will be sent to Bellwether. Body cams will be mandatory January 2023. He is working with Motorola to see if they integrate with their current cameras. He is looking at leasing these. The cost is \$30/month with storage and needs 12 cams. Mr. Duffy asked about insuring equipment and what should and should not be insured.

Bellwether will be here on August 29. Mr. Douglas, Mr. Bollin, Dennis Castlebury, and Mr. Menn will meet with them. The first budget meeting is set up for September 7 at 7 p.m.

The holiday schedule was tabled by Mr. Menn. He would like to meet with the department heads to discuss the 14 paid holidays for 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Douglas to approve the resolution establishing the salary for the coroner with a 3% increase per year for the next 4 years. This was seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Bergmeier moved the resolution to establish salary of the circuit clerk at \$62,150, and Mr. Castlebury seconded. All members present voted aye.

Discussion regarding the pipeline public comment meeting of August 22 ensued. This is only to hear what the taxpayers would like the county to do. This will not be a meeting to hear if anybody is for or against the pipeline. Mr. Bollin will ask Meyer Capel to write a summary of what they do, what they think, the process, and where we are at in the process of the litigation. These will be passed out at the public meeting.

ClearVision, LLC, who owns a property in Tioga has been contacted about the condition of the house. They are going to fly here, check it out, and have an intervention with the individual squatting on the property.

The Animal Control officer will be asking for parttime help on his budget. He will enter this as a new line item. He is currently paying this out of pocket.

Regarding Jack Curfman's retirement, should there be an audit done for ESDA? Mr. Curfman will be asked to give a formal written resignation for the board to accept and then we can move forward with how to proceed.

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

Motion to recess until September 7 at 7 p.m. was made by Mr. Blythe. This was seconded by Mr. Asbury. All members present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman