

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

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Bergmeier, Harry Douglas, Alex Blythe, Mark Hanson, Dennis, Castlebury, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Keara Weber, Kasey Mehaffy, and Kris Pilkington.

Ms. Weber stated she would like to hire someone full time to accommodate their office. The circuit clerk's paperless program will be up and going today July 13. Hancock County is the first in the circuit to go paperless.

Ms. Mehaffy told the committee that she has put a publication in the Quill, Journal-Pilot, Gate City, on Facebook, and on WCAZ regarding the current Derecho damage. It stated residents can fill out a PTAX 761 which has a 90-day window. She has informed her assessors in the northern part of the county to go out and assess the damage and let her know. She has been in touch with the Department of Revenue who stated we could use the form we are using. We were supposed to use the PTAX 245 which is essentially the same but does not have a 90-day window. She spoke with Ms. James who said to treat the form we are using as a 245 and we should be okay. Fulton County supervisor stated they are handling their assessments by reducing it by 25% and then remove any destroyed property prorated from the day of the storm. If the house is uninhabitable it will be left up to the assessor's judgment if it should be more than 25%. She does not yet know how much loss there has been. She has received 26 forms so far and is taking more in this morning.

Ms. Pilkington went through the treasurer's report. The money from the hospital for transfers will go back into Fees of Others when it is received. This is waiting on board approval. Interest from ARPA is \$102,750.73 which was put into the general fund. The general fund reserve has \$500,000 and there is \$317,000 in checking. She has collected approximately 60% for the first distribution. Care of Dependent Children is in the red by \$15,800, which is not as bad as anticipated.

Mr. Bollin spoke with Keith Krohe with Mutual Medical in which there is nothing out of kilter. He will be here next month. The budget worksheets have not been sent out yet. The budget meetings will start in August.

Jack Curfman is going to retire at the end of the fiscal year. There was discussion on how we will move forward regarding this. Adams County has the EMS director also be the ESDA director.

Motion to approve the resolution to recognize the utility companies for ongoing efforts of electrical repairs from the recent Derecho was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Castlebury seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Mr. Douglas moved to approve the claims, Mr. Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted aye.

The committee would like to recognize Wisehart Trucking for donating \$3000 back to the county from his trip to California picking up the 2 ambulances. This will be announced at the full board meeting. A letter will be sent.

Motion to recess until August 10 at 9:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman of Finance