

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON
OCTOBER 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:01 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Bergmeier, Alex Blythe, Mark Menn, Andrew Asbury, Dennis Castlebury. Absent was Mark Hanson and Harry Douglas. Visitors included Keara Weber, Elgin Berry, Keith Krohe, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Weber stated her office started working on a delinquent account report. It adds up to \$500,000 in fines in which people are not paying.

Mr. Berry stated he is behind in his federal aid matching fund. This needs to be 0.45 on his levy but is only at 0.39. To keep this from happening again the levy may need to be increased to 0.50. There was discussion regarding the pay scale. Motion to transfer \$12,275 from the general fund to the Federal Aid Matching fund was made by Mr. Asbury, seconded by Mr. Blythe. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Krohe presented the 10-month comparison for health insurance. Reinsurance factors went up 3%. He recommends staying at \$30,000 stop loss/year. The TPA agreement extension needs to be renewed. This can be done for 2 or 3 years. Currently employees are paying \$60/month for insurance. Discussion regarding increasing this or not ensued. Mr. Blythe motioned to renew the reinsurance with Symmetra at \$30,000 stop loss/year. Mr. Bergmeier seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Mr. Castlebury motioned to approve the TPA extension between Hancock County and Mutual Medical for 3 years at \$40/member subscriber fee with Mr. Blythe seconding the motion. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Asbury moved to approve a credit card for the supervisor of assessments. Mr. Bergmeier seconded. All members present voted aye.

There was discussion regarding EMS and the need for legal counsel. Motion to hire John Brady or another recommended outside counsel was made by Mr. Asbury. Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Weber informed the committee that there are actually \$1.2 million in uncollected fines and costs.

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

The budget was gone through. Changes were made. The next budget meeting will be October 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated petitions are available and can be filed until December 4. WIRC would like a letter of commitment to them as they are changing their status. Her office had a situation with an EPA employee who was hostile regarding his \$4 in copy fees. Her office has been contacted and will be making statements. This individual is not allowed to come to Hancock County and if he does have to then law enforcement will be available.

Motion to recess until October 19 at 7:00 p.m. was made by Mr. Blythe. Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman