

**SPECIAL MEETING OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
CARTHAGE ON OCTOBER 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Wayne Bollin at 7:04 p.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Alex Blythe, Andrew Asbury and Dennis Castlebury arrived at 7:24 p.m. Absent was Mark Hanson, Mark Menn, and Tom Bergmeier. Visitors were Patsy Davis and Jack Curfman.

The animal control position advertisement was discussed. This position is considered part-time with availability at all times in case of a serious situation. The ESDA position advertisement was gone over. The ESDA position needs to be specified that it is part-time with 2 weeks of vacation. Legal will go over these.

A committee will need to be set up for hiring of ESDA and the animal control appointment. Ms. James will be asked how the hours should be set up. These positions will need to pass a background check. The salary for both of these positions is \$15,000-20,000 a year. Ms. Davis will make changes.

Step increases, how many years of full-time employment are eligible, and the amount were discussed at length.

Contingencies will have \$25,000. Budgets start at 100% and usually 5% is leftover at the end of the year.

Building commission is special funds. The budget was raised to \$700,000 to do the courthouse roof and the EMS building. Health insurance is the same as last year at \$277,000. Court services liability is \$87,380. The amount of \$124,235 will be transferred to the general fund. This will depend on 30% of the states' attorney's office total.

The general fund line item for health insurance totals \$847,000. There is still \$150,000 leftover. We could offset the budget with this. The sheriff is going to rent body cams so this will not be a large lump sum. Extra money could be put in contingencies. Mr. Bollin will speak with Ms. Wilde-Tillman about replacing the Automark voting machines.

Mr. Curfman stated that his budget looked good. Discussion regarding keeping ESDA and the flood plain together ensued. This will be up to the health and miscellaneous committee. Mr. Menn will talk to Ms. Pilkington and Ms. James regarding Mr. Curfman's retirement. Mr. Curfman stated whoever gets hired needs to be hired as a county employee and not a contracted employee.

Mr. Curfman has some money leftover. He would like to get a new laptop computer for the new hire, some copy paper, and a pop-up tent needs to be replaced as ESDA's got tore up with the derecho.

Mr. Blythe had a person reach out to him stating that the sheriff's department cars are not marked. He thinks they need to be more identifiable to be more effective for public safety. Decals cost \$4000/car. There is no legal requirement to have decals, this is at the sheriff's discretion.

Motion to recess until October 10, 2023, at 7:15 was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman