

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON DECEMBER 14, 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, Dennis Castlebury, Andrew Asbury, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Kris Pilkington, Holly Wilde-Tillman, and Jeff Dedey. Absent was Mark Hanson.

Mr. Dedey is working with Jared Massey regarding the website. There may be a website team to help get this developed. The 50% down is being paid this month. Motion to pay the Microsoft Office 365 bill for \$16,733.34 was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Douglas. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Pilkington gave the financial report. ARPA money needs to be obligated by December 2024. Pontoosuc is the only village that has not appointed their money.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated there may be 2 referendums on the ballot in April. This means there will be another set of ballots. She has been visiting the county libraries introducing the new voting machines. The board of review is scheduled to meet, she does not know the date. Levies are coming in. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will work on taxes until February 8 and then she will need to switch gears to the election. The question of what other counties are doing regarding wind and solar ordinances arose. Ms. Wilde-Tillman has some calls in to other counties.

The public defender grant was discussed. Need to set up line items on the budget. The county receives the appropriations and Judge Vancil decides what the money can be used for. We approve the administration of the money.

The board of review has discussed the Nauvoo property assessment appeal. They will be a proposal to the taxing entity that their assessment will be lowered and make it more realistic with comps. This has been requested for the past 2 years. Money can be requested back for funds for 2021 and 2022 to be paid back to the owner in the amount of \$107,334.96.

Discussion regarding increasing the sheriff's credit card to \$7500 limit as he will be purchasing groceries with this. He will be going to Aldi to save money as the price at Kohl's as increased dramatically. Motion to approve a credit card for the ESDA director with a \$5000 limit was made by Mr. Asbury and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Dedey asked the process of purchasing equipment for IT. Does he need to go to a committee to get this pre-approved? He was told if it is a large purchase to go to committee for approval but if it is a smaller purchase to go ahead with the purchase.

The EMS building now has a camera pointing at the door. Are there any other buildings in the county that we think might need a camera, highway, ESDA? Departments will be asked and reported back next month.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the sheriff's contract with Warsaw. A few changes in the wording will be made. Motion to pass the contract with the revisions was made by Mr. Douglas, Mr. Blythe seconded. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone through. Motion to pay the claims except for the Carson Motor bill for the crank shaft sensory and Kendall Beals' phone bill was made by Mr. Bergmeier and seconded by Mr. Asbury. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

The committee would like to have the assistant states' attorney introduced to the board on December 19. Motion to recess until January 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. was made by Mr. Blythe, Mr. Asbury seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman