

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF
HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN
THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JANUARY 11, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Bollin at 9 a.m. Members in attendance included Tom Bergmeier, Alex Blythe, Mark Hanson, Dennis Castlebury, Harry Douglas, and Mark Menn. Visitors included Jeff Dedey, Matthew Thor, Keara Weber, Holly Wilde-Tillman, and Kris Pilkington.

Mr. Thor spoke about the public defender grant. He will be purchasing case management software, a laptop and tablet for the office, and hiring an independent contractor to name a few. This grant needs to be spent by June 30, 2024, per the state fiscal year. Motion to approve the Ordinance for the Hancock County Public Defender Fund was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Weber submitted the court modernization grant this month. Hopefully within the next month or so she will hear about this. She is running out of storage in her office. She is looking into storage options. New texting software will come out of the court modernization grant if it is approved. Mr. Hanson arrived at 9:09 a.m.

Ms. Pilkington has sent paperwork to the auditor. This will probably not be started until April. Financials were gone over. Motion to approve line item transfers and budget amendments to special funds for FY 2023 was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Blythe. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Krohe will be at the February finance meeting. There have been no large health claims so far this year.

Ms. James will be given the Devnet contract to look over. The total amount of the contract is \$9127.46 quarterly for a total of \$36,509.84 yearly.

Board Member Andrew Asbury turned in his resignation. The republican party has been notified of the vacancy. There was discussion regarding the animal pound. Motion to temporarily close the pound effective January 16 was made by Mr. Douglas, Mr. Blythe seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Bergmeier voting no and all other members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Bergmeier moved to authorize the county board chairman to seek legal counsel regarding the animal pound. Mr. Castlebury seconded this. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the lease with the building commission was made by Mr. Bergmeier, seconded by Mr. Douglas. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated Mr. Ramsey informed her that with the worker's compensation insurance 2 class codes were not on the bid specs when we bid insurance. Mr. Berry requires an engineer code for IDOT contracts. He has scheduled an audit and will get exact numbers. She should have ballots for the election on February 1. There are 99 different ballot styles.

Mr. Dedey feels like IT should have to pay for the texting system since it will be used in all departments. It was planned in his budget. He asked if IT could purchase it and then be reimbursed. He was told to discuss this with Ms. Weber. He asked what the procedure was for purchasing, if it is over \$500 does the finance committee need to approve it. He was told that he has been given permission for purchases as needed within budget.

Discussion regarding getting the coroner a telephone ensued. If he is FOIA'd his personal information will be included. Mr. Douglas will speak with Ms. James.

Mr. Douglas informed the committee that long-time 911 dispatcher Rosie Bishop passed away. She will be recognized at the full board for her years of service.

Claims were gone through. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Bergmeier, seconded by Mr. Douglas. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Motion to recess until February 8 at 9 a.m. was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, County Chair