

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT
THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Bollin at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Mark Menn, Tom Bergmeier, Alex Blythe, and Mark Hanson. Absent was Dennis Castlebury. Visitors included Kris Pilkington, Patsy Davis, Keara Weber, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Pilkington went through the ambulance and county financial reports. The line items from the previous budget year that needed to be adjusted were discussed. These will be used at budget time. She has updated the average monthly income amount.

Ms. Weber informed the committee there will not be a jury trial next week, and the jury that was to be held in March signed a jury waiver. She discussed purchasing new chairs with a 12-year warranty and stand-up desks for her office staff. Mr. Menn asked if the old desks and chairs could be useful for anybody else in the county. If not they can be declared surplus. New cushions for the county board chairs were discussed. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will look into this. Ms. Weber is waiting to hear back about the grant she applied for which will be used for digitizing probate files that are in the chart, texting service, etc. She is hoping to hear about this by the end of February. This grant is through the state.

Ms. Davis was at the meeting to discuss the animal control issue. She has spoken with Steve Crawford and Sheriff Duffy as to if there was a bite issue if they would be available. She has also spoken with Maggie Harrell, the animal control administrator.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated ballots are in. She will continue to hold Hamilton's and Carthage's dog pound bills.

Mr. Menn stated Jeff Dedey stated the courthouse wireless upgrade is being done. He has 4 offices done. The sheriff's office will be getting newer personal computers as theirs could not be updated. Mr. Dedey will get a work order sheet online so it can be filled out and has record of it. EMS is up and going. He has spoken with Jared Massie regarding the new county website. Mr. Menn sent a letter to office heads stating that he needed cooperation from each department for Mr. Dedey to be able to get in to their office after hours to work on IT.

There was discussion regarding the resolution opposing unsolicited asylum seekers. ICE cannot get involved if you are a sanctuary county. It needs to note that Hancock County is not a sanctuary for illegal immigrants.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Bergmeier. All members present voted aye. Motion to recess until March 14 was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Hanson. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman