

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

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Bollin at 9:02 a.m. Members in attendance included Harry Douglas, Dennis Castlebury, Steve Lucie, Mark Hanson, and Mark Menn. Absent was Alex Blythe and Tom Bergmeier. Visitors included Kris Pilkington, Bobi James, and Holly Wilde-Tillman.

Ms. Pilkington went over the financial reports. There is \$305,184 in the general fund, \$300,000 in reserve, and \$300,000 in cd's. There is \$50,000 in capital improvement budgeted for the handicapped voting machines. Mobile home tax bills have gone out. The assessor has her temporary multiplier. If any townships get in a bind Ms. Pilkington could send them a distribution before taxes are returned. The grant money for the sheriff has been received. This will be put in an interest-bearing account. We need to get the signed addendum to the contract before any money will be dispersed in December. When insurance proceeds come back to a department it needs to be put back in to the general fund line item in which it was withdrawn. This was moved by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Castlebury. All members present voted aye.

All credit card bills, receipts, and claims need to be brought to the county clerk's office to be paid before the due date of the 28th of each month. Motion to approve this was made by Mr. Castlebury and seconded by Mr. Hanson. All members present voted aye.

Per diem expenses will be gone over next month and updated.

Ms. James discussed Hyperreach for the circuit clerk's office which can also be used in other departments. Jeff Dedey has been contacted regarding this. If Hyperreach is used, the court automation grant will be used to pay for the first year of \$5500, and other 4 years will be needed to be paid by the county. Ms. James will look into details and let the committee know.

Alex Farkas of 22c is sending 4 checks for 4 solar applications. A new insured account will need to be made to deposit these into, one for wind and one for solar.

The Connable Road project will be voted on at full board on April 16. There will be \$440,000 left from the ARPA fund. Mention was made to transfer the remaining to the building commission to pay for the ambulance barn to help lower their levy or raise it as much.

Discussion regarding Jeff Dedey's salary. He is hourly but does not want to go over budget. Motion to take the remaining balance and divide it monthly over the remaining budget year was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Douglas. This will be paid monthly on the 15th. All members present voted aye.

Maggie Harrell has agreed to continue as animal control administrator. Mr. Lucie was wondering if we should increase her pay. It has been \$2000 for the past 12 years. Motion to raise increase the

administrator fee to \$4000 and reassess next year was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Lucie. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hanson talked with Ramsey Financial. They are still working with the underwriters for safety and training to enhance our coverage possibilities. They will forward any claims to Ms. Wilde-Tillman who will email this to the board so they are informed.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman has over 250 economic interest sheets that have not been turned in. The printing company that she uses is closing and she is going to be exploring other printing companies. The state is concerned about elected officials receiving mail which could include opioids. Her office will be receiving Narcan training on April 18. She is getting an estimate on cushions for the county board room chairs. Discussion was had on the election costs and voter turnout. Ms. Wilde-Tillman will be recognizing the student election judges and school personnel who helped get the student election judges.

A large cost to the election is advertising legal notices. In one instance one newspaper's ad cost \$2763.36 and another newspaper was \$654. If she does not put them in that paper she will get an email asking if she really wants to segregate the northern part of the county. Mr. Castlebury stated if Ms. Wilde-Tillman gets this email that she could state that she would be happy to publish in the newspaper if it would be the same rate. All of these notices are on the website for any constituent to review.

Ms. Pilkington stated that Mr. Dedey has only turned in 9 hours so far for the month of April. She thinks he should be on track for his budget. Motion to keep Mr. Dedey on an hourly basis instead of salary was made by Mr. Lucie and seconded by Mr. Douglas. All members present voted aye.

Claims were gone over. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Castlebury. Mr. Lucie seconded. All members present voted aye. Motion to recess until May 9 at 9 a.m. was made by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chair