

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

State of IL)
)s.s.
County of Mason)

Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board Finance Committee of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the Mason County Courthouse located at 125 N. Plum St., Havana, IL on Friday, July 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by committee chairman Ronald Knollenberg.

The following committee members were present: KIMI BENDER, DOROTHY KREILING and RONALD KNOLLENBERG. With ADAM SARNES being absent. Also present at the meeting were the following: County Clerk Summer Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk Lori Wickman and County Board Chairman Ken Walker. Also present for parts of the meeting were Sheriff Paul Gann and County Treasurer Heather Wilcoxen.

Brown discussed several items of the budget with the committee. The committee agreed to a 3% salary raise for the clerical staff. The committee also agreed to increase the spending limit for each department head to \$1000 rather than \$500. Anything over \$1000 will need board approval. Brown shared with the committee that she believes the annual Christmas bonus should continue. The committee agreed. The committee also agreed that each department needs to budget for their own IT expenses.

The committee spoke to Treasurer Wilcoxen. They wanted to let her know that they need the monthly treasurer reports and to also let her know that they support her.

Sheriff Gann joined the meeting to discuss the temporary pay of one of the sheriff's employees and the committee agreed that it was best to continue the regular salary while the employee is on light duty for 30 days.

Brown advised the committee that the realtor handling the sale of the parking lot next to the Farm Bureau called and said the price has been lowered to \$50K and that seller is motivated to sell. The committee wanted to get more information on the property before deciding. Wickman will reach out to the realtor to get more information.

Brown shared the Probation 2027 Annual Plan with the committee. The committee decided to agree with the salary increases requested but wanted it to be known that they would not be able to do the same next year.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. Notices will be sent out for the next committee meeting.

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bender. Motion carried.