

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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 Highway Department located at 1164 E. Laurel Ave., Havana, IL on Friday, September 25, 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, RONALD KNOLLENBERG and ADAM SARNES. Also present at the meeting were the following: County Clerk Summer Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk Lori Wickman. Also present at the meeting were Board Member Scott Garlisch and Administrator of the Health Department Jessica Towery.

Brown discussed various items concerning the budget and levy. She explained that she is moving more into corporate and lowering IMRF while also increasing Social Security. She said the budget is very tight. She noted different areas where revenue is lower than usual. Cresco Labs and Federal housing of prisoners were two examples. Brown also noted areas where expenses have increased. Juvenile detention, outside attorney fees, ERI and overtime to name a few.

The committee decided that getting CAMA for the Assessment office would be beneficial and implementing CAMA would eliminate the need to hire a part-time worker for the assessment office. No decision was made about hiring a part-time floater.

Health Department Director, Jessica Towery, spoke to the committee about her desire to have online access to her checking account and her CD account at the Havana National Bank. The committee agreed that she should have access to her accounts.

There have been some department head complaints submitted to the board about the Mason County Treasurer. The complaints expressed frustration with the lack of communication from the Treasurer and the Treasurer not completing tasks in a timely manner.

Comp time was not discussed at this meeting. The committee discussed the new tax sale law and decided that it would be best for the county to let the Trustee have all the parcels at the tax sale this year. By doing this, it would eliminate the extra work that would be required by the Treasurer and the Sheriff.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Notices will be sent out for the next committee meeting.

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