

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

The Budget Committee met on Thursday, September, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom in the Ford County Jail. Those in attendance were: Chairman McCall, Mr. Nuss, Mr. May, Mr. Lindgren, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Sheriff Doran, Coroner Wallace, Treasurer Stevens, Circuit Clerk Evans, EMA Director Higgins, Assessor Langland, Probation Chief Officer Maxey, State's Attorney Killian, Judge Fitton, Kasi Schwarz and Clerk Frederick. Mr. Berger and Mr. Ferguson were not present.

Mr. Hastings moved to approve the Agenda. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Chairman McCall started the meeting by reviewing what has been looked at in previous meetings to help lower the budget. Each Department Head present had the opportunity to speak to the Committee concerning their budgets. Sheriff Doran started by stating he has gone through line by line and he has found \$37,000.00 that can be cut from the maintenance fund. Sheriff also mentioned the need for cars soon. Ellen Maxey, Chief Probation Officer handed out OAC Probation requirements. Mrs. Maxey stated that both Probation vehicles are undriveable and with the travel expense being zeroed out, they cannot, not travel. The Probation department either needs a vehicle or they use their own vehicles and turn in mileage. Probation has looked into leasing a vehicle and it was not feasible. Probation has historically been reimbursed by the county. The committee agreed to give the Probation travel fund \$2328.00. Assessor Patricia Langland spoke to the committee next about her budget. Patricia stated that since 1988 it states that the Supervisor of Assessments will do the entire County's valuations. The Assessor stated she had to physically look at houses. Patricia stated the Warner did the assessments one way and Candy trained under Warner, the 2 previous Assessors. Patricia stated now she has to straighten it all out. She is taking Multi-township Assessors with her to value. Mr. Nuss asked Patricia, "What is the roll of the Assessors?", "Are you saying we have we been doing this wrong since 1988?" Patricia responded that it's going to take her 4 to 5 years to train the Multi-township Assessors correctly. She asked the committee for \$4,000.00 for her training fund for her education. Judge Fitton and Coroner Wallace said they could take some things out of their dedicated funds. State's Attorney Killian shows the Committee how his office has brought in \$24,000.00 extra this year in fines collected. Mr. Killian asked for \$1,000.00 for training. Dennis Higgins, EMA Director spoke to the committee about his budget. Mr. Higgins would like to go through last year's budget and tone down where he can. Mr. Higgins agreed to submit a revised budget by Sept. 18, 2017. Circuit Clerk Kim Evans handed out an audit bid for a new auditor to complete the audit conducted in her office. By choosing a new auditor it will be a savings of \$800.00.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn. Mr. May seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder