

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

## DECEMBER 14, 2020

### A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Board Chairman, Debbie Smith.

### B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Chase McCall, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Mrs. C. Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Dr. Ray was seated by Mr. Ferguson at 7:06 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Smith

### D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Smith & Mrs. A. Ihrke

### E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### F. Chairman Smith reviews a list of the new committee assignments:

**(The bolded names are that committee's chairman)**

Environ/Safety: **May**; Ferguson; C.Ihrke; King; McCall

Finance: **Smith**; May; Ferguson; C.Ihrke; Aubry

Highway: **Nuss**; A.Ihrke; Johnson; McCall; King

Ins/Personnel: **McQuinn**; Ferguson; Nuss; King; Ray

Sheriff: **Johnson**; McQuinn; Ray; A.Ihrke; Ferguson

Overview/Leg: **C.Ihrke**; Aubry; Johnson; Nuss; McQuinn

Zoning: **A.Ihrke**; McQuinn; May; McCall; C.Ihrke

IT: **Aubry**; Nuss; Smith; C.Ihrke; Ray

#### **Special Assignments:**

Mobile Region 8: Smith/Doran

Union Affairs: Smith/McQuinn

708 Board: Ray

WIA: Smith

Ford Co. Public Health: Smith/ A.Ihrke

Reg. Office of Education: Smith/ C.Ihrke

911: Nuss

CIRMA: Smith/McCall

ECCA: Smith

Extension: **Johnson**/A.Ihrke

EMA: Smith

### G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve the November 9 & December 7, 2020 Minutes. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### H. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a resignation letter from one of her deputies.

### I. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- A Ford County resident asked how the progress of the veteran's program was coming.

**J. REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson briefly went through her monthly report.

**K. REPORT OF THE PROBATION OFFICER:**

Chief Probation Officer Montoya was not present however Chief Deputy Suzie Shell briefly went through their report on her behalf.

**L. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Shoemaker discussed the new date for the Tax Sale. It will now be held on February 17, 2021.

**M. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

**N. APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

**CIRCUIT CLERK, CORONER, CLERK & RECORDER, EMA, HIGHWAY, HOUSING, PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF, SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS, TREASURER & ZONING.**

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports.

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**O. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Chairman Smith stated there will soon be a ECCA meeting she will be attending.

**P. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. Environment Committee:**

**II. Finance Committee:**

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 10, Nays – 1, No Response/tech. difficulties – 1  
(Nays – Smith, No Response/tech. difficulties – McCall)

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 01 (Ordinance for Certificate of Tax Levy for FY 2021).** Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays - 1  
(Nays – C. Ihrke)

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 02 (Resolution for States Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor).** Mrs. King seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 03 (FOP Contract for Dec. 1, 2020 to November 30, 2023).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 04 (Amending Res. 20 – 81 Setting the Probation Officer’s Salaries for FY 2021).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 05 (Ordinance Concurring with a technical correction to the Enterprise Zone).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt 3 - Resolutions 21 – 06 - 08 (Appt. the following Drainage Dist. Commissioners: P. Flessner. S. Vetter & R. Seibring).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 09 (Allowing Clerk & Recorder Frederick to hire one Full-Time Employee to replace one leaving).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays – 1, No Response/tech. difficulties – 1  
(No Response/tech. difficulties – McCall)

### III. Highway Committee:

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Highway Committee**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 10 (Appropriating funds for payment of the County Engineer’s Salary)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 11 (Maintenance under IL Highway Code)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 12 (Raising the hourly rate for Part-Time on call maintenance Snowplow Operators)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

### IV. Insurance & Personnel Committee:

### V. Overview/Legislation Committee:

Mr. McQuinn stated they met on November 24, 2020 to review Executive Session Minutes.

### VI. Sheriff Committee:

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Sheriff’s Committee**. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 13 (Allowing the Coroner to replace 2 Part-Time Deputies)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

### VII. Zoning Committee:

### VIII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. McQuinn moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

### Q. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (\*) = Chairman of that Committee)

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
8. CIRMA McCall/Smith
9. Extension \*Johnson/A. Ihrke  
Mr. Johnson stated they met on Nov. 23, 2020.
10. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird  
Mr. Whitebird stated they are still passing out PPE to those who are in need.
11. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry  
Mr. Nuss stated Office 365 is being finalized.

**R. OLD BUSINESS:**

**S. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chairman Smith stated she would like everyone to get with Clerk & Recorder Frederick and possibly set up quarterly committee meetings so she isn't so rushed to set up any meetings.
- Chairman Smith also stated there is no reason anyone should be working from home anymore.
- Chairman Smith wants Elected Officials and Dept. Heads to make sure everyone has taken their Sexual Harassment classes before January 1, 2021.

**T. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**U. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:20 P.M.

**V. PROCLAMATION:**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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