

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2021

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, January 11, 2021 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: Dr. Bernadette Ray, 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.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Nuss made the motion to remove a Mutual Aid Agreement for consideration under the Sheriff's Committee and then motioned to approve the Agenda. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the December 14, 2020 Minutes. Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read 3 thank you notes to the board from employees.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

I. REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson briefly went through her monthly report.

J. 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.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker briefly went through her report.

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

Sheriff Doran informed the board that Gibson Area Hospital is working to get COVID-19 vaccines to the Sheriff's office and he also informed them of House Bill 163 re-numbered to HB 3653.

M. APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports.

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment Committee:

II. Finance Committee:

Mr. May moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays – 1 (Nays – Smith)

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 14 (Amending Res. 20-01 an Ordinance for Certificate of Tax Levy for FY 2021)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays - 1 (Nays – C. Ihrke)

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 15 (Resolution Setting Per Diem Rate for Mileage Reimbursement for 2021)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

III. Highway Committee:

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

IV. Insurance & Personnel Committee:

V. Information Technology Committee:

VI. Overview/Legislation Committee:

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

VII. 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 4 Resolutions 21 – 16 to 21 - 19 (Contracts for County Law Enforcement Services with the Villages of: Roberts, Melvin, Elliott & Kempton)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt 2 Resolutions 21 – 20 to 21 - 21 (Interagency Agreements with City of Gibson & Gibson Area Ambulance)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

VIII. Zoning Committee:

Mrs. A. Ihrke informed the board of the next meeting to be held on January 28, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

IX. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

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

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (*) = Chairman of that Committee)

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| 1. 708 Board | Ray |
| 2. 9-1-1 | Nuss |
| 3. CIRMA | Smith/McCall |
| 4. ECCA | Smith |
| 5. E.M.A./LEPC | Terry Whitebird |
| 6. Extension | *Johnson/A. Ihrke |
| 7. Ford Public Health Dept. | Smith/A. Ihrke |
| 8. Mobile Region 8 | Doran/Smith |
| 9. Regional Office of Education | Smith/C. Ihrke |
| 10. Union Affairs | Smith/McQuinn |
| 11. WIA | Smith |

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Smith stated that the pizza and gift cards are funded by the county board members themselves and not funded through the county. There was also a discussion about identifying essential employees.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn; Mrs. King seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:42 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____