

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 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, February 8, 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:

Chairman Smith

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve the January 11, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

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. Ms. Shell also stated the Probation Officers have completed additional training for juvenile and adult services.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker briefly went through her report.

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

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.

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Smith stated she received a letter for an appointment of Robert Lindgren to the Public Board of Health. Dr. Ray made the motion to appoint Mr. Lindgren to the Public Board of Health. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 9, Nays – 2, 1 Abstain
(Nays – A. Ihrke & C. Ihrke, Abstain – Smith)

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment Committee:

Mr. May stated he is looking into some days for electronic recycling.

II. Finance Committee:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 22 (Regarding Vetoing HB 3653)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 23 (Appointing D. Gregerson to Gibson City Fire Protection)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 24 (Appointing M. Froelich to Drng. Dist. Pella Twp. #2)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

III. Highway Committee:

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

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 25 (Appropriating County Bridge funds to construct a bridge on the Ford-Kankakee County line)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance & Personnel Committee:

The committee met last month to review the handbook and the next meeting will be held on February 17, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

V. Information Technology Committee:

Next meeting will be held February 11, 2021 at 7:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

VI. Overview/Legislation Committee:

Mrs. C. Ihrke stated the next meeting will be held on March 5, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

VII. Sheriff Committee:

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

VIII. Zoning Committee:

Mrs. A. Ihrke they met on January 28, 2021 and the next meeting will be held on February 11, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. and February 18, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. both in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

IX. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Nuss moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

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

1. 708 Board Ray
2. 9-1-1 Nuss
Next meeting Feb. 10, 2021 at 7 PM at the Paxton Fire Station.
3. CIRMA Smith/McCall
4. ECCA Smith
5. E.M.A./LEPC Terry Whitebird
Still providing PPE for those in need.
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:

There was a brief discussion on animal issues and abandoned houses within the county.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 26 (Appointing R. Wycoff to Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 27 (Appointing E. Lattz to Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 7, Nays – 5
(Nays – Ray, McCall, Johnson, Ferguson & Aubry)

Chairman Smith announced starting in March the Finance Committee will now start at 9:00 A.M.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. King seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous
The meeting ended at 8:13 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____