

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 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, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Mrs. C. Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Mr. Johnson was not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

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:

Mr. McCall moved to approve the March 8, 2021 Minutes. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a Thank you from the family of former Ford County employee Sandy Bryant for flowers.

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 was not present the board briefly went through her report.

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

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick spoke to the board about starting the process for online searching in her office.

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.

Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Smith spoke briefly about upcoming changes to be submitted to the board soon for consideration in one of the Enterprise Zones.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment Committee:

April 24, 2021 there will be an electronic recycling day held in Gibson City 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

II. Finance Committee:

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

Discussion regarding the annual audit was tabled in Finance to be discussed at a later time.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 36 (Supporting Local Control of Zoning & Land Use Planning)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 37 (Appointing E. Ford to the Sullivant Fire Protection Dist.)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 38 (Appointment of R. Hitchens to Piper City Fire Protection)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

III. Highway Committee:

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

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 39 (Acceptance of Low Bids from Iroquois Paving)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 40 (Acceptance of Low Bids from Cross Construction, Inc.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance & Personnel Committee:

Mr. McQuinn stated they met in March.

V. Information Technology Committee:

VI. Overview/Legislation Committee:

VII. Sheriff Committee:

Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

VIII. Zoning Committee:

Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next 2 meeting will be held in the Sheriff's Boardroom at 4:00 P.M. on May 20 and May 27, 2021.

IX. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

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

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 |
| Sheriff Doran stated the new laws take effect July 1 st and training is not available yet from the state. | |
| 9. Regional Office of Education | Smith/C. Ihrke |
| 10. Union Affairs | Smith/McQuinn |
| 11. WIA | Smith |

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Smith stated there was a need to go into Executive Session Pursuant for Personnel Reasons. At 8:02 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel Reasons. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

At 8:36 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes- 6, Not present – 5 (Not Present – Ray, McCall, Ferguson, Aubry, Nuss)

Dr. Ray rescinds her Roll Call vote to go into Executive Session. There was a discussion about going into executive session while using online meetings.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. May seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous
The meeting ended at 8:54 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2021

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA		APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES		APPROVAL OF ALL ELECTED OFF./DEPT. HEAD REPORTS		CLAIMS REVIEWED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES. SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING & LAND USE PLANNING		RES. RE-APPT. E. FORD TO SULLIVANT FIRE PROTECTION		RES. RE-APPT. R. HITCHENS TO PIPER CITY FIRE PROTECTION		CLAIMS REVIEWED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	RAY, Bernadette	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	JOHNSON, Jason	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IRHKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IRHKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: **AMY FREDERICK**

(ONE NO RESPONSE/TECH DIFF)

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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES. TO ACCEPT LOW BIDS FROM IROQUOIS PAVING		RES. TO ACCEPT LOW BIDS FROM CROSS CONSTRUCTION, INC.		CLAIMS REVIEWED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED COMMITTEE MINUTES		INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION		OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION		AJOURNMENT		YES	NO
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		
P	RAY, Bernadette	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		PRESENT			
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X			
A	JOHNSON, Jason	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X			
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X			
P	IRHKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X			
P	IRHKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		ABSTAIN		X		X		X		X		X			
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED			
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK

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