

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Mrs. C. Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Mrs. A. Ihrke was not present.

Roll Call – Unanimous
Chairman Smith

C. PROCLAMATION:

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Aubry made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. King moved to approve the June 14, 2021 Minutes. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Nothing to report.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Ford County Fair Queen Jolee Hastings spoke to the board about roles and responsibilities as queen
- Josh from WIA updated the board that he has been re-assigned and spoke briefly of his replacement

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 Anderson briefly went through her monthly report.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker briefly went through her monthly report. She also stated the 1st installment of taxes were collected on July 2, 2021 and the 2nd installment will be due September 10, 2021.

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.

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

Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Smith stated starting in August 2021 the County Board members are asked to meet in person. Chairman Smith also announced there are 2 Finance Meetings scheduled for July 15, 2021 to review ARPA funds and July 20, 2021 to review the budget with Elected Official/Dept. Heads. Probation recently found they can sell the van and one car, this money will hopefully pay off the current car payment.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment Committee:

June 19, 2021 there was an electronic recycling day held in Paxton. The next one will be held in Piper City on August 21, 2021.

II. Finance Committee:

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee including the ARPA Claims**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Ordinance 21 – 65 (American Rescue Plan Act Funds)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 66 (Allowing the Treasurer to hire P.B.L. – I.C.E. student(s))**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 67 (Public Defender Salary Increase)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 68 (Sale of a Property in Lyman Twp. for Delinquent Taxes)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 69 (Re-Appt. of M. Griffin to the Ford County Board of Review)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 – 70 (J. Hastings to fill a vacancy on the Ford County Board of Review)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The salary for the Circuit Clerk's Deputies was resolved during the Finance Meeting. Mr. Nuss and Mr. Ferguson acknowledged a letter from Eric Evans, Chairman of the 911 Board, regarding a salary increase for Dennis Higgins. 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:

Mr. McQuinn stated they met on July 1, 2021 and are finishing the revised Handbook.

V. Information Technology Committee:

Mr. Aubry briefly discussed the items the committee are working on.

VI. Overview/Legislation Committee:

- Nothing to report.

VII. Sheriff Committee:

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. Aubry seconded the motion. Roll Call – Ayes – 8, Nays – 2, Not Present - 1
(Nays – McQuinn & C. Ihrke, Not Present (due to technical issues) – Ray)

VIII. Zoning Committee:

Chairman A. Ihrke was not present, C. Ihrke stated waiting on final revised draft from Clerk & Recorder Frederick then the committee will meet to review the Ordinance again.

IX. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Johnson 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
Nuss reported a meeting to be held on July 14, 2021 at 7 PM at the G.C. Fire station.
- 3. CIRMA Smith/McCall
Smith reported a meeting to be held on July 22, 2021.
- 4. ECCA Smith
- 5. E.M.A./LEPC Terry Whitebird
Mr. Whitebird briefly went through his monthly report.
- 6. Extension *Johnson/A. Ihrke
- 7. Ford Public Health Dept. Smith/A. Ihrke
Smith reported there are still 2 open positions and the COVID vaccine is still available.
- 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:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McCall moved to adjourn; Mrs. King seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous
The meeting ended at 7:57 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 14, 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		ORD. - ARPA FUNDS		RES ALLOWING TREAS TO HIRE PBL - ICE STUDENT(S)		RES FOR PUB. DEF. SAL. INCREASE		RES SALE OF PROP. IN LYMAN TWP FOR DEL. TAXES	
		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	
P	JOHNSON, Jason	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
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	
A	IRHKE, Ann	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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

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June 14, 2021

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES RE-APPT M. GRIFFIN TO BD. OF REVIEW		RES J. HASTINGS TO FILL VAC. ON BD. OF REVIEW		ACKNOWLEDGE OF LETTER FROM 911 REG. SAL INCREASE D. HIGGINS		CLAIMS REVIEWED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		CLAIMS REVIEWED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED COMMITTEE MINUTES		AJOURNMENT			
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	RAY, Bernadette	X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X		X			
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	JOHNSON, Jason	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		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		X		X			
A	IRHKE, Ann	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	IRHKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X			X	X		X			
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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(1 - NOT PRESENT)

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