

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 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, October 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, Lesley King, Tom McQuinn, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Aubry and Mr. May were not in attendance.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Chairman Smith

**E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:**

Chairman Smith noted the board will not be considering one drainage commissioner's appt. for B. Grubbs, in a resolution under Finance. Mrs. King made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Nuss moved to approve the September 13, 2021 Minutes. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Kasi Schwarz, the paralegal for the State's Attorney spoke to the board of her experience and responsibilities in the office.

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

Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson did not submit a monthly report but, spoke about jury coming soon.

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

Chief Probation Officer Anderson briefly discussed last month's activities and a future "Clean Up Day" opportunity for road side clean up on Saturday, November 6, 2021. They will meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Paxton Police Dept.

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Shoemaker was not present.

**L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPT. HEADS WHO SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- Sheriff Doran spoke of the upcoming mandated training and evaluations that may enforced by law and the responsibilities of his 2 secretaries.
- State's Attorney Killian spoke on the proposed budgeted raises for salaried employees.

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

(Assessments, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Clerk & Recorder, EMA, Highway, Probation, Public Health, Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning)

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

Voice Vote - Carried

**N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

**O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Finance Committee.** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 - 81 (Approving a Lease amount with the Public Building Comm. for FY 2022).** Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 - 82 (The use of ARPA Funds for JIMS Prosecutor License/Server Components for the State's Attorneys Office).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 - 83 (The use of ARPA Funds for JIMS License/Server Components for the Public Defender's Office).** Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 21 - 84 to 21 - 88 (Appt. of the following Drng. Dist. Comm.: D. Maul, T. Muehlenpfort, L. Stroh, M. Kane and T. Ifft).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote - Unanimous

Chairman Smith stated she would like to set a Finance meeting for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. to further review the proposed FY 2022 budget - No action was taken.

**III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

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

**IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

**V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

Clerk & Recorder Frederick stated that she and Mr. Aubry will be meeting for a cyber security meeting on Wednesday in Gibson City with MCS through a state webinar.

**VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:**

**VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

**VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

**IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

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

I. 708 BOARD

RAY

II. 9-1-1

NUSS

Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be held on Wed., October 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Paxton Fire Station.

III. CIRMA

SMITH/McCALL

IV. ECCA

SMITH

V. E.M.A./LEPC

TERRY WHITEBIRD

EMA Coordinator Whitebird went through his month's activities.

VI. EXTENSION

\*JOHNSON/A. IHRKE

VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

SMITH/A. IHRKE

Chairman Smith stated they met, passed a budget and are looking for a building.

VIII. MOBILE REGION 8

DORAN/SMITH

IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SMITH/C. IHRKE

X. UNION AFFAIRS

SMITH/McQUINN

XII. WIA

SMITH

**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Nuss stated he met with East Central IL. again and gave a tour around Ford County.

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending or Probable Litigation

At 8:07 P.M. Chairman Smith made the motion to go into Executive Session PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pending of Probable Litigation. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

At 8:22 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. King seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

The meeting ended at 8:23 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**October 11, 2021**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES FOR JIM'S PROSECUTOR LICENSE/SERVER FOR SA OFFICE		RES FOR JIM'S LICENSE/SERVER FOR PUB. DEF. OFFICE		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF 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							
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X							
A	JOHNSON, Jason	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X							
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X							
A	MAY, Gene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X							
A	AUBRY, Chuck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
P	IRHKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X							
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X							
P	IRHKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X							
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		X		X		X							
<b>RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED</b>		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
		9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	9	0						

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK