

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**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 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Board Vice Chairman, Cindy Ihrke.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Dr. Ray, Chase McCall, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Leslie King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke. Chairman Smith and Chuck Aubry were not in attendance.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Vice Chairman C. Ihrke

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

Vice Chairman C. Ihrke/Leslie King

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

Mrs. King made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the January 10, 2022 Minutes. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank You" note from Vicki Mikoff (Deputy in Clerk & Recorder's Office) for the gift card for her birthday.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There were none.

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

- Probation Officer Anderson briefly spoke about one of her officers leaving soon and that she has hired 2 more Probation Officers.

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

(Sup. of Asmnt., Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Clerk & Recorder, EMA, Highway, Probation, Public Health, Sheriff, Treasurer, Zoning)

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

Voice Vote - Carried

**K. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

- Mrs. C. Ihrke briefly discussed the last CIRMA meeting that Chairman Smith attended.

**L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to add a CIRMA bill and to **approve** the CIRMA bill for \$311,467.00. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Finance Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 18 (For an increase of Hourly Rate During the Election Process)**. Mr. May seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 19 (Allowing the Public Defender to hire a full-time Secretary)**. Mr. May seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Ordinance 22 - 20 (For Lost Revenue Standard Allowance)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Ordinance 22 - 21 (Appt. of B. Kruse to Sullivant Fire)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

There was a brief discussion on Hazard Mitigation that will be considered at the March 14, 2022 meetings.

### **III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Highway Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Abstain - 1 (Abstain - May)

### **IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Ordinance 22 - 22 (Updated Handbook dated February 2022)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to run a Help Wanted Ad for the Supervisor of Assessments Position. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn also briefly discussed the need to investigate either hiring a Human Resource consultant or a Human Resource company.

### **V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Nuss made note of an attached letter to the minutes of the last IT meeting from Mr. Aubry.

### **VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. C. Ihrke stated the tree removal is delayed due to the weather and she briefly discussed the Cash Farm lease renewal due in November 2022.

### **VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

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

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 23 (A contract for Law Enforcement with the Village of Roberts)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 24 (A contract for Law Enforcement with the Village of Sibley)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 25 (A contract for Law Enforcement with the Village of Piper City)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 26 (An Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Paxton for May 1, 2021)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 27 (An Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Paxton for May 1, 2022)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 28 (Adding Certain Language to the Ford County Zoning Ordinance)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

Mrs. A. Ihrke will meet on February 15, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

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

Mr. McCall moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

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

I. 708 BOARD

RAY

II. 9-1-1

NUSS

**Will meet in Piper City on March 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

III. CIRMA

SMITH/McCALL

IV. ECCA

SMITH

**Mr. Nuss stated they are working on a website and for anyone needing more information may go to their Paxton location at 101 W. Ottawa, Paxton, IL. 60957 or they may call at 217-497-2979.**

V. E.M.A./LEPC

TERRY WHITEBIRD

**EMA Coordinator Whitebird went through his monthly report, he continues to distribute PPE supplies, 25 cots were donated to the county and there are 8 shelters in place in Ford County if needed.**

VI. EXTENSION

\*JOHNSON/A. IHRKE

VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

SMITH/A. IHRKE

**There was a brief discussion on their last meeting.**

VIII. MOBILE REGION 8

DORAN/SMITH

IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SMITH/C. IHRKE

X. UNION AFFAIRS

SMITH/McQUINN

XII. WIA

SMITH

**N. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was a brief discussion on the Veterans Affairs for Ford County progress.

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. A. Ihrke briefly discussed a letter from a voter.

State's Attorney Killian, Judge Fitton, Pub. Def. Welch & Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson have applied for a Court Modernization Grant.

**P. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

The meeting ended at 8:16 P.M.

**Q. PROCLAMATION:**

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**February 14, 2022**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	PAYING CIRMA CLAIM FOR \$311,467.00		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 22 - 18 INCREASE IN PAY DURING ELECTION PROCESS		RES ALLOWING PUB DEF TO HIRE FULL-TIME SECRETARY		ORD 22 - 20 LOST REVENUE STANDARD ALLOWANCE		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		ALLOWING A HELP WANTED AD TO BE RUN FOR SOA POSITION		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		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		ABSTAIN		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	AUBRY, Chuck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	
A	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED</b>		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK