

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**APRIL 11, 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, April 11, 2022 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: Chase McCall, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Smith. Dr. Ray and Gene May were not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Chairman Smith

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. King seconded Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Nuss moved to approve the March 22, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank You" note from the family of Donald May, father of Gene May.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Mr. Aubry asked 2 members from the 911 board to give an update on the fiber optics that were on the tower.
- Dennis Higgins and Eric Evans from 911 updated the board stating the fiber optics are put in and paid for by the State of IL.
- Sheriff Doran also gave an update on the removal of the tower and where he plans to re-position the halo.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson passed out and went through her report.

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

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

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**K. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

## **L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

#### **II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 36 (Allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire a full-time employee).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 37 (Re-appointing W. Berry to the Piper City Fire Dept.).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

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

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Highway Committee.** Mr. McCall seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 38 (Establishing a Class II Truck Route).**  
Mrs. King seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 39 (Improvement under Highway Code).**  
Mrs. King seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 40 (LPA Agreement for Federal Participation).**  
Mrs. King seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

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

- Mr. McQuinn stated in the last meeting they interviewed an applicant for the SOA position, discussed the SOA position and comment cards and discipline/achievement reports. Clerk & Recorder Frederick has placed comment cards throughout the Courthouse and on the county website.

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

- Mr. Aubry stated he met with MCS to get an update on project they are working on for the county. Also, the committee is looking into up grading the phone system.

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

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

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 22 - 41 (Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Melvin).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

#### **VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

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

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

**M. 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 April 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Roberts Fire Station.
- III. CIRMA SMITH/McCALL  
Chairman Smith stated the next meeting will be held on April 26, 2022.
- IV. ECCA SMITH  
- Mr. Nuss stated a Health Fair was held and 15 vendors were present.
- 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
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 DORAN/SMITH  
- Next meeting is April 12, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION SMITH/C. IHRKE  
- Next meeting is on May 2, 2022.
- X. UNION AFFAIRS SMITH/McQUINN
- XII. WIA SMITH  
- Chairman Smith stated they have hired someone to take over Ford County.

**N. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. King thanked Vice Chairman C. Ihrke for taking over for Chairman Smith last few months.

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:06 P.M. Mr. McCall made the motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - Personnel Reasons. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

At 8:36 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to come out of Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - Personnel Reasons. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**P. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried  
The meeting ended at 8:38 P.M.

**R. PROCLAMATION:**

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**April 11, 2022**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES ALLOWING CIR CLERK TO HIRE		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES EST CLASS II TRUCK RTE		IMPROVEMENT UNDER HWY CODE		LPA AGRMNT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION		CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		NO	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A	RAY, Bernadette	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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			
A	MAY, Gene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	IHRKE, 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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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK