

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Small Court Room in the Ford County Courthouse in Paxton on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Clerk Frederick/Mrs. King

C. OATHS OF OFFICE GIVEN TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS:

Clerk Frederick swore in the following newly elected board members: Chuck Aubry, Randy Ferguson, Ann Ihrke, Cindy Ihrke, Lesley King, Gene May, Chase McCall, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, Debbie Smith and Carson Vaughn.

D. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Chuck Aubry, Randy Ferguson, Ann Ihrke, Cindy Ihrke, Lesley King, Gene May, Chase McCall, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, Debbie Smith and Carson Vaughn. Tim Nuss was not in attendance.

E. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

Clerk Frederick asks for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mrs. A. Ihrke made a motion to nominate Debbie Smith as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Aubry made the motion to nominate Chase McCall.

F. CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

Clerk Frederick asked for any other nominations for Chairman of the Board, after no other nominations, Clerk Frederick asked for a motion to close nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to close nominations. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. BALLOT VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN:

Clerk Frederick passed out Ballots with the names of Debbie Smith and Chase McCall on it. After each county board member voted, Clerk & Recorder Frederick tallied the votes. The results were as follows: 6 votes for Debbie Smith, 5 votes for Chase McCall. Clerk & Recorder Frederick announced Debbie Smith as the new Chairman, Mrs. Smith took over the rest of the meeting.

H. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Smith asks for nominations for Vice Chairman of the board. Tom McQuinn nominated Mrs. C. Ihrke. Mr. May nominated Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson respectfully declined the nomination.

I. CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Smith asked for a motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

J. BALLOT VOTE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

Clerk Frederick passed out Ballots with the name Cindy Ihrke on it. After each county board member voted; Clerk & Recorder Frederick tallied the votes. The results were as follows: 10 votes for Cindy Ihrke, 1 no vote. Chairman Smith announced Cindy Ihrke as the new Vice Chairman.

- State's Attorney Killian briefly discussed the amendments to the Safety Act and the ongoing litigation. Clerk & Recorder Frederick briefly updated the board on a hot water pipe that burst on December 3, 2022 in the basement of the Clerk & Recorder's office in the Courthouse.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to adjourn at 4:29 P.M. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

L. PROCLAMATION:

The next meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____