

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2023

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, January 9, 2023 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, Randy Ferguson, Leslie King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke & Chairman Debbie Smith. Sarah Mussman and Carson Vaughn were not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

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 it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the December 12, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- A citizen spoke to the board about HB 5855 - the Assault Weapons ban and would like the board to consider opposing it. The board informed him that a resolution is on the agenda for tonight's meeting to be considered.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson passed out her monthly report and went through it.
- Chief Probation Officer Anderson stated they have submitted their annual plan to the state for approval.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

K. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Chairman Smith discussed the employee Christmas party and thanked the board members who donated for the pizza and gifts out of their own pockets.

L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all FINANCE claims recommended in the Finance Committee.**

Mr. May seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended in the Finance Committee.**

Mr. Aubry seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 12 (Appt. of P. Bruens as SOA).**

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 13 (Amending Res 22 - 93 FY Annual Budget).**

Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 14 (Setting Per Diem for 2023).**

Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept a proposal from MCS, not to exceed \$35,000.00, to upgrade the county phone systems. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Aubry made the motion for the county to purchase a K-9 Officer for \$10,000.00 from Officer Hunter Johnson.

Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 15 (Policy of a K-9 Officer).**

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 16 (Opposing HB 5855 Assault Weapons ban).**

Mr. May seconded it.

Voice Vote - Ayes - 9, Nays - 1
(Nays - Aubry)

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Highway Committee.** Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt 3 Resolutions 23 - 17 to 23 - 19 (Local Public Agency Engineering services Agreements).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mrs. King stated she will be setting a meeting soon.

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. C. Ihrke stated the next meeting is set for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom.

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee except for one claim for \$77.70.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt 2 Resolutions 23 - 20 to 23 - 21 (Contracts for Law Enforcement with the Villages of Kempton and Roberts for 2023).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

Mrs. A. Ihrke stated she has set a meeting for January 10, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

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

I. 708 BOARD

A. IHRKE

II. 9-1-1

NUSS

Will meet at the Gibson City Fire Station on on January 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

III. CIRMA

SMITH/McCALL

IV. ECCA

SMITH

V. E.M.A./LEPC

TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH

EMA Coordinator Whitebird went through his monthly report.

VI. EXTENSION

***A. IHRKE**

VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

SMITH

VIII. MOBILE REGION 8

SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH

IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SMITH/C. IHRKE

X. UNION AFFAIRS

SMITH/McQUINN

XII. WIA

SMITH

Will meet on January 12, 2023 at 11:00 A.M.

N. OLD BUSINESS:

O. NEW BUSINESS:

Voice Vote - Carried

P. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

The meeting ended at 7:56 P.M.

Q. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 12 APPT. OF P. BRUENS AS SOA		RES 23 - 13 AMEND RES 22 - 93 ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2023		RES 23 - 14 SETTING PER DIEM FOR 2023		ACCEPTING A BID FROM MCS TO UPGRADE CO. PHONE SYSTEMS		ACCEPTING THE PURCHASE OF A K-9 OFFICER		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	VAUGHN, Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, 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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January 9, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES 23 - 17 TO 23 - 19 LOCAL PUB. AGENCY ENGRNG SERV. AGRMNTS		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		YES		NO		YES		NO		YES		NO	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X													
A	VAUGHN, Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X													
P	KING, Lesley	X		X													
P	MAY, Gene	X		X													
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X													
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X													
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X													
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X													
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X													
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X													
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		10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0

COUNTY CLERK: **AMY FREDERICK**