

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 13, 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, February 13, 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: Sarah Mussman, Chase McCall, Carson Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Leslie King, Tom McQuinn, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Gene May and Chuck Aubry were not in attendance.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman Smith

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

Chairman Smith

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

- 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 January 9, 2023 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:**

- Kirk Allen & John Kraft spoke to the board on the county farm ground and handed out a publication.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson went through her monthly report.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

**K. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

- Chairman Smith stated she is now the Chairman of the board for CIRMA and the Vice Chairman of the board for WIA.

**L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 22 (Use of ARPA Funds for Public Safety Salary & Benefit Reimbursement).** Mrs. King seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 23 (Use of ARPA Funds for Public Safety Equipment)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 24 (Use of ARPA Funds for Phone Systems)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 25 (Use of ARPA Funds for Cyber Security & Managed Services)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 26 (Use of ARPA Funds for Replacement of new Election Equipment)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 27 (Allowing Clerk & Recorder Frederick to destroy certain Election Equipment)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 28 to 23 - 29 (Re-Appt. of R. Anderson and R. Hoogstraat to certain Drng. Dist.)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Ayes - 9, Nays - 1 (Nay - C. Ihrke)

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

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Highway Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 30 (Local Pub. Service Agrmnt. On Kempton Rd. - CH. 9)**. Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 31 (Local Pub. Service Agrmnt. On Cabery Rd. - CH. 23)**. Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

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

- Mrs. King stated the committee met on January 19, 2023 and will meet again on February 15, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail and also plan to meet on March 16, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 32 (Partners for Fish & Wildlife Land Owner Agreement)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to hire operators to contract with for implementation and maintenance of the farm properties and possible C.R.P. contract requirements. Mr. Nuss seconded. After discussion, Mrs. C. Ihrke amended her motion to hire operators to contract with for implementation and maintenance of the farm properties and possible C.R.P. contract requirements for the Bowen/Hatfield Farm only. Mr. Nuss seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow the Overview Committee to advertise a custom farmer for 2 of the county farm properties. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow the Overview Committee to advertise for the 501 C3 charitable organization to lease the Bowen/Hatfield properties. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow soil testing on the county farm grounds. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to adopt a Comprehensive Plan for Ford County. Mr. Nuss seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

**VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded.  
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn spoke briefly on allowing the Sheriff to add a longer lateral pay to the FOP Contract. The contract is currently in negotiations.

**VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the committee met 3 times in January finishing their review on the Solar & Liquor Ordinances and have sent both ordinances to State's Attorney Killian for his review.

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

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

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

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| I. <u>708 BOARD</u>   | A. IHRKE              |
| II. <u>9-1-1</u>  | NUSS                  |
| - <b>Will meet in Piper City on March 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.</b>  |                       |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u>   | SMITH/McCALL          |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u>   | SMITH                 |
| - <b>Mr. Nuss stated they reviewed their budget and he passed out a flyer providing information for citizens.</b> |                       |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u>   | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u>  | <b>*A. IHRKE</b>      |
| VII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u>   | SMITH                 |
| VIII. <u>MOBILE REGION 8</u>  | SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH |
| IX. <u>REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION</u>   | SMITH/C. IHRKE        |
| X. <u>UNION AFFAIRS</u>   | SMITH/McQUINN         |
| XII. <u>WIA</u>   | SMITH                 |
| - <b>Chairman Smith stated they have hired a representative for Ford County.</b>                                  |                       |

**N. OLD BUSINESS:**

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

**P. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:49 P.M.  
Voice Vote - Carried

**Q. PROCLAMATION:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**February 13, 2023**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 22 USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PUB. SAFETY SAL. & BENEFIT REIMB.		RES 23 - 23 USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PUB. SAFETY EQUIPMENT		RES 23 - 24 USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PHONE SYSTEMS		RES 23 - 25 USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR CYBER SEC. & MANAGES SERV.		RES 23 - 26 USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR REPLCMNT OF ELECTION EQUIP.		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	VAUGHN, Carson	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	
A	AUBRY, Chuck	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
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 <b>FAILED</b>		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
		10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0

COUNTY CLERK: **AMY FREDERICK**

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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES 23 - 30 LOCAL PUB. SERV. AGRMNT. FOR KEMPTON RD - CH 9		RES 23 - 31 LOCAL PUB. SERV. AGRMNT. FOR CABERY RD - CH 23		RES 23 - 32 FISH & WILDLIFE LAND OWNER AGRMNT.		AMENDED MOTION ON HIRING AN OPERATOR FOR THE BOWEN/HATFIELD CO. FARM		MOTION TO ALLOW ADVERTISING TO HIRE A CUSTOM FARMER FOR 2 COUNTY FARMS		MOTION TO ALLOW ADVERTISING FOR 501 C3 CHARITABLE ORG. TO LEASE BOWEN/HATFIELD		MOTION TO ALLOW SOIL TESTING FOR COUNTY FARM GROUND		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	VAUGHN, Carson	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	
A	MAY, Gene	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	AUBRY, Chuck	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
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