

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 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, March 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, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss & Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke. Chairman Debbie Smith and Lesley King were not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Vice Chairman Ihrke

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman Ihrke

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. McCall made the motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the February 13, 2023 Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank You" note from Ann Kulow (Secretary in the Judge's Office) for the wreath and lantern in memory of her father.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Ron Bork & Randy Aberle - spoke to the board about their support of a Resolution Supporting Ford Co. Agriculture that the board will be considering at tonight's meeting.
- Ashley Laurent with the Champaign Co. Regional Planning Commission spoke to the board about job opportunities available for the Ford County citizens.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson went through her monthly report.
- State's Attorney Killian updated the board on a grant that he applied for and was awarded for updates in the large courtroom.

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

- Mr. Aubry made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

K. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

- Chairman Smith was not present, Vice Chairman Ihrke stated there was no report from the Chairman.

L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended in the Finance Committee.**
Mr. May seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Aubry moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended in the Finance Committee.**
Mr. Ferguson seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to accept a bid from Edge Ag. Inc. for crop/hail damage insurance for the Ford County farms. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Vice Chairman C. Ihrke stated that the Memorandum of Understanding between Ford County and IPAWS was tabled in committee.
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 33 (In support of Ford County Agriculture).**
Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept the presented bid packets for Custom Farming the Ford County Farms.
Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - I's - 2, Opposed - 8

**** MOTION FAILED ****

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 Resolution 23 - 34 (Accepting Low Bids for 2023 Co. & Twp. MFT Projects).** Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Vice Chairman Ihrke stated the committee met on February 15, 2023 & will meet again on March 16, 2023 in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail at 9:00 A.M.

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Aubry stated he was trying to set a meeting for March 23, 2023.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. Ferguson seconded. Roll Call - Ayes 9 , Abstain - 1
(Abstain - May)

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the committee will be soon working on updating the considered Solar Ordinance with new upcoming laws.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mr. Vaughn 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 |
| - Will meet at the Roberts Fire Station on April 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u> | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | *A. IHRKE |
| 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 |

N. OLD BUSINESS:

O. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ferguson called for a Special County Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. after the Insurance & Personnel Meeting in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

- Mr. Nuss spoke briefly on the news letter he passed out on VOCA (Voices of Community Action).

P. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
The meeting ended at 8:50 P.M.

Q. PROCLAMATION:

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Vice Chairman C. Ihrke
- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ACCEPTANCE OF EDGE AG, INC. FOR CROP INS.		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 34 LOW BIDS FOR MFT PROJECTS		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			
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	VAUGHN, Carson	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X			
A	KING, Lesley	-		-		-		-		-		-			
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		ABSTAIN			
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X			
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X			
A	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	-		-		-		-		-		-			
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
		10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	9	ABSTAIN

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK