

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 17, 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, April 17, 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, Lesley King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy & Chairman Debbie Smith.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Debbie Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to revise the agenda by moving Discussion/Possible action on the Cash Farm Lease bids from the auction April 17, 2023 - Farm #3 and Discussion/Possible action on Custom Farming for Ford County farms as the first 2 items to discuss under VI. Overview Legislation and moving from VI. Overview Legislation - Discussion/Possible action on CRP for Ford Co. farms and Discussion/Possible action on selling the Ford County farms to the first 2 items under M. Old Business and then to approve the agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - I's have it

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. McCall moved to approve the April 6, 2023 Minutes. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank You" note from EMA Whitebird for flowers in memory of his father.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson went through her monthly report.
- SOA Bruens went through her monthly report and updated the board on the progress for the 2022 taxes in her office.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

K. 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. Aubry moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended in the Finance Committee.**
Mr. Ferguson seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Aubry made the motion to advertise specs for 3 ARPA projects Ford Co. Closet Cleanup (Phase 1) #540), Courthouse Switch Upgrade #579 & Closet Cleanup (Phase 2) #541.
Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 35 (Increasing RHSP Fees in the Clerk & Recorder's Office)**. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 36 (An MOU Agreement between Workforce Innovation Bd. & LWIA 17 One Stop System Partners)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 37 (Allowing EMA Coordinator to hire a part-time employee)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 38 (Allowing EMA Coordinator to destroy 3 lap tops)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 39 (Allowing EMA Coordinator to destroy certain documents)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 40 (Re-Appnt. of W. Manhart to Piper City Fire Protection)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 41 (Re-Appnt. of R. Gentes to Sullivant Fire Protection)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Highway Committee**. Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 42 (Local Public Agency Engineering Service Agrmnt.)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King stated they will meet April 20, 2023 in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail at 9:00 A.M.

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to accept a bid to Cash Farm Lease Ford County Farm #3). Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Nays - 3
(Nays - King, A. Ihrke & C. Ihrke)
 - Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to Custom Farm Ford County Farms #1 & #2. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.
 - Mrs. C. Ihrke amended her motion to Custom Farm Ford County Farm #1 only. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded the amendment. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nays - 7
(Nays - Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)
- ** Motion Failed ****
- Mrs. C. Ihrke amended her motion to Custom Farm Ford County Farm #2 only. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded the amendment. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nays - 7
(Nays - Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)

**** Motion Failed ****

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept a bid to Cash Farm Lease Ford County Farm #1). Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 8, Nays - 4 (Nays - King, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke and Smith)

**** Motion Failed ****

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept a bid to Cash Farm Lease Ford County Farm #2). Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 8, Nays - 4 (Nays - King, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke and Smith)

**** Motion Failed ****

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to allow the Chairman of the board to sign the Cash Farm Lease Ford County Farm #3). Mr. Vaughn seconded it.
- Mr. Ferguson withdrew his motion to allow the Chairman of the board to sign the Cash Farm Lease Ford County Farm #3). Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mrs. King seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 43 (Contract for Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Piper City for 2023).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the committee is working on updating the Solar Ordinance & Wind Ordinance with the new upcoming laws and working of finishing a Liquor License Ordinance.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

- I. 708 BOARD A. IHRKE
- Mrs. A. Ihrke attended a meeting however they did not have a quorum.
- II. 9-1-1 NUSS
- III. CIRMA SMITH/McCALL
- IV. ECCA SMITH
- Mr. Nuss stated the Health Fair went well.
- V. E.M.A./LEPC TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH
- Mr. Whitebird went through his monthly activities.
- 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

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow for the Ford Co. Farms #1 & #2 to enter into contract with the CRP program. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nays - 7 (Nays - Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)

**** Motion Failed ****

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to sell Ford Co. Farms #1 & #2. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call - Ayes - 2, Nays - 9, Abstain - 1

(Nays - Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, McQuinn, Aubry, Nuss & Smith)

**** Motion Failed ****

(Abstain - King)

- Mr. Vaughn made the motion allowing State's Attorney Killian to execute a National Opioid Settlement Agreement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - I's have it

N. NEW BUSINESS:

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. McCall moved to adjourn; Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:50 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

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FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ADVERTISE SPECS FOR 3 ARPA PROJECTS #540, #579 & #541		RES 23 - 37 ALLOWING EMA TO HIRE PART-TIME		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 42 LOCAL PUBLIC ENGINEERING AGRMNT.		ACCEPTANCE OF BID TO CASH LEASE FARM #3		CUSTOM FARM FARMS #1	
		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	
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		FAILED	
		12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	9	3	5	7

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	CUSTOM FARM FARMS #2		ACCEPTANCE OF BID TO CASH LEASE		ACCEPTANCE OF BID TO CASH LEASE		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF	ENTER FARMS #1 & #2 INTO CRP PROGRAM		SELLING FARMS #1 & #2		YES	NO
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO	YES	NO		
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah		X					X		X		X		
P	McCALL, Chase		X					X		X		X		
P	VAUGHN, Carson		X					X		X		X		
P	FERGUSON, Randy		X					X		X		X		
P	KING, Lesley	X			X			X		X		ABSTAIN		
P	MAY, Gene		X					X		X		X		
P	McQUINN, Tom	X						X		X		X		
P	AUBRY, Chuck		X					X		X		X		
P	IHRKE, Ann	X			X			X		X		X		
P	NUSS, Tim		X					X		X		X		
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X						X		X		X		
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X			X			X		X				
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		FAILED	FAILED	FAILED	FAILED	FAILED	PASSED	PASSED	FAILED	FAILED	FAILED	FAILED		
		5	7	8	4	4	8	4	12	0	5	7	2	9

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK