

**SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail in Paxton on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by 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 C. Ihrke and Chairman Smith.

C. PROCLAMATION

Chairman Smith

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Aubry made a motion to approve the Agenda as stated. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2023 SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MINUTES:

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to approve the March 16, 2023 Special County Board Minutes.

Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 6 citizens were present, however only 5 spoke in favor of Cash Renting the county farms vs. Custom farming them.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

I. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Aubry made the motion to Cash Lease the Ford County Farms. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

After discussion, Mr. Aubry amended his motion to, Cash Lease the Ford County Farm #1. Mrs.

Mussman seconded the amendment.

Roll Call – Ayes – 7, Nays – 5

(Nays – King, McQuinn, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke & Smith)

Mr. Aubry made the motion to Cash Lease the Ford County Farm #2. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 7, Nays – 5

(Nays – King, McQuinn, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke & Smith)

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to Cash Lease the Ford County Farm #3. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

After discussion, Mr. Ferguson rescinded his motion.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to Custom Farm Ford County Farm #3. Mrs. Mussman seconded.

Roll Call – Ayes – 7, Nays – 5

(Nays – King, McQuinn, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke & Smith)

Mr. Aubry made the motion to hold a Cash Lease Auction for Ford County Farm #3 on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom. Mr. Vaughn seconded.

Voice Vote – I's have it.

Mr. Aubry made the motion to advertise for the Cash Lease Auction. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – I's have it.

Mr. Aubry moves to call the previous question. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 8, Nays – 4

(Nays – McQuinn, A. Ihrke, C. Ihrke & Smith)

Motion passes, debate ends.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to Custom Ford County Farm #1. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 5, Nays – 7

(Nays – Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to Custom Ford County Farm #2. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 5, Nays – 7

(Nays – Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to Custom Ford County Farm #3. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 5, Nays – 7

(Nays – Mussman, McCall, Vaughn, Ferguson, May, Aubry & Nuss)

Discussion/possible action on hiring operators to contract with for the implementation and maintenance of the farm properties. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on advertising for custom farming operator(s) and setting a due date for the sealed bids to be turned into the Clerk & Recorder's Office. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on setting a meeting with the date, time and place for the bid packets to be opened, reviewed and acceptance of bids for custom farming for all (3) of county farms. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on bid packets for both bean seed and chemicals for each individual county farm. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on advertising for bean seed and chemicals for each individual or all (3) of the county farms and setting a due date for the sealed bids to be turned into the Clerk & Recorder's Office. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on setting a meeting with the date, time and place for the bid packets to be opened, reviewed and acceptance of bids for bean seed & chemicals for all (3) of county farms. No motion – topic dies for lack of a motion.

Discussion/possible action on granting authority to the chairman of the board or vice chairman of the board to execute and accept bid(s) for the custom farming operator(s) for each or all (3) of the county farms. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

Discussion/possible action on granting authority to the chairman of the board or vice chairman of the board to execute and accept bid(s) for bean seed and chemicals for each or all (3) of the county farms. No motion – topic dies for lack of motion.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to adjourn. Mrs. King seconded it.
The meeting ended at 6:00 P.M.

K. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	CASH LEASING FORD CO. FARM #1		CASH LEASING FORD CO. FARM #2		CASH LEASING FORD CO. FARM #3		CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION		CUSTOM FARMING FORD CO. FARM #1		CUSTOM FARMING FORD CO. FARM #2		CUSTOM FARMING FORD CO. FARM #3	
		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		
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom		X		X		X		X		X		X		
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Ann		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		
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)		X		X		X		X		X		X		
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: **AMY FREDERICK**