

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 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, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy & Chairman Debbie Smith. Mrs. A. Ihrke was not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Chad Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Debbie Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to amend the agenda by removing under Finance Discussion/Possible action on the Circuit Clerk having more than one Chief Deputy and replacing under Highway Approval of all claims reviewed in Finance Committee with reviewed in Highway Committee and then to approve the amended agenda.

Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mrs. King moved to approve the July 10, 2023 Minutes. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read 2 "Thank You" notes from employees Mallory Lithgow & Katie Putnam for the gift cards and birthday cards.
- Chairman Smith read a letter from Paxton Fire Protection Dist. Carl Hudson, Jr. stating he will be replaced by Brian Funk.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Tony Cole spoke to the board on issues with a flag hanging in the boardroom stating it was unconstitutional and that he would like an internal investigation on the Judge, Sheriff & State's Attorney for what he, as a convicted felon, says there were illegal raids of his home removing all of his guns.

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

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

- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mrs. Mussman 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 from the Finance Committee.**

Mr. Vaughn seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee.**

Mr. Vaughn seconded.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 62 (Allowing Probation to hire a full-time deputy)**.
Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt 3 Resolutions 23 - 63 to 23 - 65 (Re-Appt. of Drainage Dist. Comm.**
R. Bork, D. Niewold and D. Swan. Mr. Ferguson seconded. Voice Vote - 1 Nay
- The board briefly discussed using ARPA funds for the Courthouse entry security glass wall project.

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**.
Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 66 (An Intergovernmental Agreement with Iroquois County Hwy. Dept.)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 67 (A Risk Management Ordinance for Ford Co.)**.
Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Aubry stated work has begun on phone upgrades.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. C. Ihrke stated she will set a meeting soon.

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**.
Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Sheriff Johnson stated he has interviewed 2 candidates and they have been approved by the Sheriff's Merit Commission.

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

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

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| I. <u>708 BOARD</u> | A. IHRKE |
| II. <u>9-1-1</u> | NUSS |
| - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting is on Wed. Aug. 9, 2023 at the Gibson City Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| - Mr. Nuss stated they met Aug. 3, 2023 to go over Budget & Audit. | |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u> | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| - Mr. Whitebird went through his monthly activities. | |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | *A. IHRKE |
| VII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u> | SMITH |
| - Chairman Smith stated Lana Sample has given her resignation effective on Sept. 19, 2023. | |
| 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 |

M. OLD BUSINESS:

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- It was discussed that Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson has been sued for a possible breach of the Americans with Disabilities Act including other allegations. It was clarified that this is not against the county, and that Judge Fitton has already recused himself. When an Elected Official is sued, the State's Attorney explained the process used to obtain legal counsel for them through CIRMA and the Davies Group. State's Attorney Killian also stated he has reviewed the Supreme Court Rules regarding e-filing for individuals covered under the ADA with Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:35 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

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FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES. 23 - 62 ALLOWING PROBATION TO HIRE A FULL TIME DEPUTY		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		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					
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X					
P	VAUGHN, Carson	X		X		X		X		X					
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X					
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X					
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X					
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X					
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X					
A	IHRKE, Ann	-		-		-		-		-					
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X					
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X					
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		X		X		X					
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK