

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Sheriff, Chad Johnson.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Chase McCall, Carson Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss & Chairman Debbie Smith. Mrs. Mussman, Mrs. King and Mrs. C. Ihrke were 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 approve the Agenda. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss moved to approve the August 14, 2023 Minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank You" note from employee Ariel Brucker for the gift card and birthday card.
- Clerk & Recorder Frederick stated that she will be holding an Open House to view the new election machines on Thursday, September 14, 2023 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse and she stated that petitions for the March 19, 2024 General Primary Election are now available for pick up.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Paul Ducat introduced himself as a candidate for 53rd Illinois State Senator candidate for the March 19, 2024 GP.
- Tony Cole spoke again on issues with a flag hanging in the boardroom stating it was unconstitutional. He asked if the internal investigation on the Judge, Sheriff & State's Attorney had been done yet? Board members stated that because the officials are elected the county board cannot conduct an investigation. Tony stated he had an issue with the money being spent on the security wall for the Courthouse and that if our officers had body cams they could be held accountable for the when they searched his premises and took his guns.
- Frankie Ward spoke on ROSC a place to help those with recovery to addictions.
- Odette with ECCA spoke to the board on eligible assistance for Ford County residents for the 2024 year.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson passed out a list of forms her office is allowed to help those who wish to represent themselves and that it takes a lot of her time to help them. She also stated she has a lot of turnover in her office.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee.**
Mr. Aubry seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee.**
Mr. Aubry seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 68 (Re-Appt of M. Griffin to Bd. Of Review).**
Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Chairman Smith asked the board members to help find a replacement for J. Hastings for the Board of Review.
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt 3 Resolutions 23 - 69 to 23 - 74 (Re-Appt. of Drainage Dist. Comm. R. Arends, C. Deany, R. Kinzinger, S. Meenen, R. Read and J. Stuckey).** Mr. Aubry seconded.
Voice Vote - Carried

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee.**
Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.**
Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 75 (A Contract for Law Enforcement with the Village of Sibley).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

- I. 708 BOARD A. IHRKE
 - Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next meeting is on Wed. Sept. 13, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom at the Courthouse.
- II. 9-1-1 NUSS
 - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting is on Wed. Sept. 13, 2023 at the Gibson City Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M.
- III. CIRMA SMITH/McCALL
- IV. ECCA SMITH
 - Mr. Nuss they have had several meetings to prepare for 2024.
- V. E.M.A./LEPC TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH
 - Mr. Whitebird went through his monthly activities, working on hazard mitigation, would like tower service for his radio communication and would like better radios.
- VI. EXTENSION *A. IHRKE
- VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. SMITH
 - Chairman Smith stated there are 3 candidates to replace Lana Sample who will be leaving on Sept. 19, 2023.
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH

IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION

X. UNION AFFAIRS

XII. WIA

SMITH/C. IHRKE

SMITH/McQUINN

SMITH

M. OLD BUSINESS:

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 76 (FY 2024 Contribution to Ford Co. Soil & Water Conservation)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
The meeting ended at 7:51 P.M.

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 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

September 11, 2023

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 76 FY 24 CONTRIBUTION TO FORD CO SOIL & WATER		YES		NO	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-
A	KING, Lesley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	MAY, Gene	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-
P	McQUINN, Tom	X	-	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	-	X	-
P	NUSS, Tim	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-
A	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X	-	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