

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Aubry, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Ihrke and Mr. May. Also in attendance was Treasurer Whitcomb, EMA Whitebird and Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

The committee continued to review the proposed FY 2024 Budget.

Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson asked to update the committee on her pending lawsuit? The committee stated they were only working on the budget. Ms. Johnson Anderson then asked to speak to the committee about a raise, stating it wasn't fair that she was not going to receive a raise like the rest of the Elected Officials. The committee tried explaining that there are numerous reasons for her salary being frozen. Ms. Johnson Anderson refused to accept the explanations and continued to interrupt the meeting. The disruptions continued; therefore, Mr. Ferguson left the meeting at 4:54 P.M. Shortly after Mr. Ferguson left the meeting, Treasurer Whitcomb left the meeting also due to the continued interruptions from Ms. Johnson Anderson. Once Ms. Johnson Anderson left, the committee's discussion resumed. The committee had questions for Treasurer Whitcomb that couldn't be answered because she had left the meeting due to the interruptions.

Chairman Smith stated the proposed FY 2024 budget will be included in the next monthly Finance Committee meeting in October for further review.

Mr. Aubry moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried
Meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Smith
Ford County Board Chairman/Finance Committee Chairman