

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 9, 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, October 9, 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: Sarah Mussman, Chase McCall, Carson Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke & Chairman Debbie Smith. Mrs. King and Mr. Aubry 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:**

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the September 11, 2023 Minutes. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Chris Balken introduced himself as a candidate for 53rd Illinois State Senator candidate for the March 19, 2024 GP.

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

- Circuit Clerk Johnson Anderson passed out her monthly report and briefly went through it.

**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:**

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept an Agreement for Hazard Mitigation. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept a Plan for Hazard Mitigation. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 77 (Memorandum of Understanding with Piper City Fire Dept.).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 78 (Extending the Lease Agreement with the Public Bldg. Comm for FY 2024)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 79 (Setting the Levy for Public Bldg. Comm. For FY 2024)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 23 - 80 (Appt. of Brian Funk to Paxton Fire Protection Dist)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to allow the proposed FY 2024 Budget lay in the Office of the Clerk & Recorder for public viewing until considered by the County Board. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss stated he spoke with IDOT on the need for lighted STOP signs within Ford County.

**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**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

**VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

**IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mrs. C. Ihrke 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. Oct. 11, 2023 at the Paxton Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. |                       |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u>   | SMITH/McCALL          |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u>   | SMITH                 |
| - Mr. Nuss they are meeting going through Finances and Grants for 2024.                           |                       |
| 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                 |
| - Donnie Gill has been appt. as the new Ford Co. Public Health Dept. Administrator.               |                       |
| 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:**

- Chief Probation Officer Anderson stated the Facility Support puppy for Probation has been born.

**N. NEW BUSINESS:**

**O. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

**P. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 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**

**October 9, 2023**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 23 - 78 EXTENDING THE LEASE AGRMNT. WITH PBC FY 2024		RES 23 - 79 SETTING THE LEVY FOR PBC FY 2024		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	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	VAUGHN, Carson	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	KING, Lesley	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	AUBRY, Chuck	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	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		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK