

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

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, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford 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, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Smith. Mr. Aubry was not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Dave Kaeding

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Debbie Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to amend the agenda by removing Discussion/Possible action on a text amendments for the Solar Ordinance under VIII. Zone Committee and then to approve the revised Agenda. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. McCall moved to approve the January 8, 2024 Minutes. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Greg Hinthorn spoke to the board on concerns of human trafficking.
- Kendall Diesburg spoke to the board in favor of CRP for the Ford County Farm grounds.
- Ken Seneca thanked the board for all their time and urged the board to pass the Resolution for the county becoming a non-sanctuary county for immigration.
- Sally Lasser, Brent Lage & Kristen Hendricks also thanked the board for their hard work and spoke of concerns for the CO2 pipeline project.
- Anthony Guarth spoke on gun safety.
- Chad Riggleman also spoke in favor of CRP for the Ford County Farm grounds.
- Luke voiced his support for the board to pass the Resolution for becoming a non-sanctuary county for immigration.

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

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

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. McQuinn 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.** Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee.** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 12 (Adopting Paid Time Out Language to the employee handbook)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 24 - 13 (Sale of a property in Peach Orchard Twp. for delinquent taxes)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 24 - 14 (Sale of a property to M. Manship for delinquent taxes)**. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 15 (Allowing Ford Co. engineer Perkinson to continue to serve in Iroquois Co. as County Engineer)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to add fertilizer to the Ford County Farm grounds not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 10, Abstain - 1
(Abstain - May)
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 16 (Re-appt. of D. Berry to the Sheriff's Merit Commission)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 17 (Ford Co. declaring as a non-sanctuary county for immigration)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 8, Nays - 3
(Nays - Mussman, McCall & Vaughn)

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. McCall 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. Feb. 14, 2024 at the Paxton Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| - Mr. Nuss meeting Tues. Feb. 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. on community assessments. | |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u> | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| - Mr. Whitebird went through his monthly report. | |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | A. IHRKE |
| VII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u> | SMITH |

- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
- X. UNION AFFAIRS
- XII. WIA

SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH
SMITH/C. IHRKE
SMITH/McQUINN
SMITH

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nuss stated the meeting for ROSC will be held on Feb. 27, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. via zoom.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke stated she would like to ask State's Attorney Killian to be a spokes person for Ford County during the CO2 project.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:13 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Dave Kaeding

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		FERTILIZER ON FORD CO FARMS NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 17 FORD CO TO BECOME A NON-SANCTUARY CO. FOR IMMIGRATION		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		X					
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X							
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		ABSTAIN							
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X							
A	AUBRY, Chuck	-		-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X							
P	NUSS, Tim	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		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK