

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 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, January 8, 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, Chuck Aubry, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Smith.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Chad Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Debbie Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to amend the agenda by removing Discussion/Possible action on a Resolution allowing the Ford Co. Engineer to cont. to serve as the Iroquois Co. Engineer and Discussion/Possible action on the installation of flashing lights on stop signs under III. Highway and then to approve the revised Agenda. Mrs. King seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the December 11, 2023 Minutes. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read 2 Thank You notes for the County Board's Christmas lunch, one from her office, one from the EMA office.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

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

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

- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. May stated they met tonight before this meeting, they are working on revising the current Solid Waste Ord.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke added 2 claims to be paid, one for CIRMA and one for Greg B. and then moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee.** Mr. Aubry seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee.**
Mr. Aubry seconded.
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 07 (Setting Per Diem Rates for 2024).**
Mrs. Mussman seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 24 - 08 & 24 - 09 (Re-Appt. of M. Weber to Lyman Twp. Drng. 1 and Little Lyman Drng. Dist.).** Mr. Vaughn seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee.**
Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 10 (Intergovernmental Agreement with Iroquois Co.).**
Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Aubry state MCS is still working on the upgraded phones.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke stated they met on Dec. 31, 2023 to discuss repair work needed on Farm #1 and they discussed results from a Soil Test performed on Farm #2. Chairman C. Ihrke stated they have received 3 sealed bids for the leasing of Farm #1 & Farm #2. Chairman C. Ihrke opened the bids as received by date and time in the Clerk & Recorder's office. Bid #1 from Colon V. for \$368.00 per acre on Farm #1 and \$305 per acre on Farm #2. Bid #2 from Parcell Farms for \$380.00 per acre on Farm #2. Bid #3 from Parcell Farms for \$410.00 per acre on Farm #1.
- After discussion, Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept both bids from Parcell Farms for Farm #1 & Farm #2.
Mr. Aubry seconded the motion. Roll Call - Ayes - 11, Nays - 1
(Nay - C. Ihrke)

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.**
Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 11 (Sheriff's Dept. FOP Contract for Dec. 1, 2023 to Nov. 30, 2027).** Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next meeting will be on January 18, 2024 at 3:30 P.M. in the Small Courtroom. been set for January 18, 2024 at 3:30 P.M. in the Small Courtroom. She also discussed receiving a letter from RWE Clean Energy and how they want to replace the turbine that fell with a more up to date turbine and they corresponded a decommission credit.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mrs. King 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. Jan. 10, 2024 at the Gibson City Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| - Mr. Nuss has attended several meetings via zoom about FY 2024. | |
| 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 he has attended meetings for ROSC.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nuss stated he would like to work on a comprehensive plan for Ford Co.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mrs. King seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:53 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024 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

January 8, 2024

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 07 SETTING PER DIEM FOR 2024		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS FROM PARCELL FARMS		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 11 FOP CONTRACT DEC 31 2023 to NOV 30 2027	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
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	
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
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	
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X			X	X		X	
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**