

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

for the

## **FORD COUNTY BOARD**

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#### **Tuesday, Mar. 5, 2024**

7:00 A.M. Highway Committee Meeting – Highway Department in Roberts

#### **Wednesday, Mar. 6, 2024**

9:00 A.M. Sheriff Committee Meeting – Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail

#### **Thursday, Mar. 7, 2024**

9:00 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting – Small Courtroom in Courthouse

#### **Monday, Mar. 11, 2024**

7:00 P.M. County Board Meeting – Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail



#### **Notes:**

- Courthouse will be *CLOSED* on Monday, February 12, 2024 for Lincoln's Birthday.
- Courthouse will be *CLOSED* on Monday, February 19, 2024 for President's Day
- St. Patrick's Day is Sunday, March 17, 2024
- ***General Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 19, 2024***



## COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE

To the Chairman of the County Board of Ford County:

I, Amy Frederick, County Clerk and Recorder, in and for the County of Ford and State of Illinois, respectfully present the following report of all the fees and emoluments of my office, for the month of **January, 2024** and during the month where I state the gross amount of all fees.

### COUNTY CLERK

REVENUE FOR THE MONTH	RECORDING FEES	VITAL RECORDS	MISC FEES	COUNTY TAX STAMPS 1/3	TAX CLERK FEES	COUNTY CLERK REVENUE	DEDICATED FUNDS AUTO REC. FEE (RSSA)	DEDICATED FUNDS AUTO VITAL FEE (VRSSA)	GIS	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND (DVF)	RENTAL HOUSING SURCHARGE (RHSP)	DSC	DELINQUENT TAXES COLLECTED
Dec-23	3,986.00	1,445.00	2,221.00	5,330.00	430.00	13,412.00	3,734.00	388.00	3,813.00	20.00	2,592.00	596.00	11,197.11
Jan-24	3,214.00	1,258.00	345.50	3,482.00	258.00	8,557.50	2,756.00	270.00	3,100.00	10.00	2,142.00	288.00	3,118.85
Feb-24						0.00							
Mar-24						0.00							
Apr-24						0.00							
May-24						0.00							
Jun-24						0.00							
Jul-24						0.00							
Aug-24						0.00							
Sep-24						0.00							
Oct-24						0.00							
Nov-24						0.00							
<b>MID-YEAR</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>2,703.00</b>	<b>2,566.50</b>	<b>8,812.00</b>	<b>688.00</b>	<b>21,969.50</b>	<b>6,490.00</b>	<b>658.00</b>	<b>6,913.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>4,734.00</b>	<b>884.00</b>	<b>14,315.96</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>2,703.00</b>	<b>2,566.50</b>	<b>8,812.00</b>	<b>688.00</b>	<b>21,969.50</b>	<b>6,490.00</b>	<b>658.00</b>	<b>6,913.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>4,734.00</b>	<b>884.00</b>	<b>14,315.96</b>

13.73% = Percent of estimated revenue generated for year to date.

Total Estimated Revenue = \$160,000.00

Actual Office Revenue = \$ 21,969.50

Dedicated Funds = \$ 7,148.00

Supervisor of Assessments = \$ 6,913.00

State & Tax Buyers = \$ 19,963.96

**Total Receipts = \$ 55,994.46**

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF FORD }

I, Amy Frederick, do solemnly swear that the foregoing account is in all respects just and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have neither received directly or indirectly nor directly or indirectly agreed to receive or be paid for my own or another's benefit, any money, article or consideration than therein stated, nor am I entitled to any fee or emolument for the period therein mentioned, other than those specified.

Submitted this 1st day of February, 2024.

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Ford County Clerk & Recorder

MONTH END REPORT  
January 2024

TOTAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	12
TOTAL RESIDENT DEATHS	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENT DEATHS	
Past Inquires or <u>Inquests Pending</u>	0
Inquires Pending this month	0
1) Natural Death Investigations	12
2) Undetermined Death	0
3) Suicide	0
4) Homicide	0
5) Accidental Death	0
5a) Accidental Motor Vehicle Death	0
5b) Accidental Drug or Alcohol Death	0
AUTOPSIES	
TOXICOLOGY	
EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	1
HOSPICE CASE-----	
INQUESTS CONDUCTED	0
CREMATION PERMITS INVESIGATED AND ISSUED	6
NOTIFICATIONS FOR OTHER COUNTIES	
ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION	0
INVESTIGATIONS RETURNED TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION	0
CREMATION PERMIT FEES RECIEVED	\$ 600.00
REPORT FEES	.00
MISC.FEES (Grant)	.00
INVOICES RECEIVED	00.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 600.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



BRANDON RODERICK  
FORD COUNTY CORONER





**FORD COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
200 W. State Street Room B-5  
Paxton, IL 60957  
Phone 217-379-9415**

### **Monthly Activity Report**

02 January 2023 Ford County Highway Committee Meeting (Roberts)  
Monthly Starcom Radio Drill (Paxton)

04 January 2023 Ford Committee Finance Committee Meeting (Paxton)

05 January 2023 IEMA Monthly County EMA's Conference Call (Paxton)

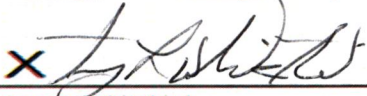
08 January 2023 Ford County Board Meeting (Paxton)

10 January 2023 Ford County EMA Training (Paxton)

18 January 2023 ILCATT Committee Meeting (Paxton)

19 January IESMA Meeting (Virtually)

This report was Respectably submitted by:

  
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Ferris Whitebird  
Ford County EMA

Acronyms used in this document:

EMA: Emergency Management Agency  
IESMA: Illinois Emergency Services Management Association  
ILCATT: Illinois Capability Assessment and THIRA Tool  
THIRA: Threat and Hazard Identification And Risk Assessment



Monthly Report to the Ford County Board  
On Activities at the Highway Department  
February, 2024

The Ford County Highway Department completed the following activities during the month January, 2024.

Engineering Division

- Entered claims and allotments to various county and township funds.
- Assisted Maintenance Division with Snow Removal and Pot Hole Patching.
- Attended Pipeline Safety Training in Champaign.

Maintenance Division

- Performed maintenance and repair on County owned equipment.
- Conducted routine inspection and maintenance of roads, entrances, shoulders and signs on County system.
- Patched Potholes in County Roads.
- Reclaimed Shoulder Stone on County Roads.

County Engineer

- Assisted Commissioners with Drainage and Traffic Control Projects in Ford and Iroquois Counties.
- Assisted Iroquois County Highway Department.
- Attended Ford County Road Commissioners Meeting at Wall Township.
- Attended Iroquois County Road Commissioners Meeting in Loda.
- Attended Pipeline Safety Training in Champaign.

## Ford County Highway Committee Minutes

The Ford County Highway Committee met on February 6, 2024 at the Ford County Highway Department in Roberts, Illinois.

Present at this regular scheduled meeting were Chairman Tim Nuss, Ann Ihrke, Chase McCall and Lesley King. County Engineer Greg Perkinson was also present. Mr. Nuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Mrs. Ihrke moved to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. King. Motion passed.

First on the agenda was the review of the January 2, 2024 minutes. Mr. McCall moved and Mrs. King seconded the motion that they be approved. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment:**

None

January bills were read and presented by Mr. Perkinson. Mr. McCall moved and Mrs. Ihrke seconded the motion to send the bills to the full board.

The committee then reviewed the fund balance report and the highway appropriations and expenses report.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Perkinson informed the committee of the activities at the County Highway Department during the month of January and will provide a written report for the full board.

Mr. Perkinson updated the committee on the shared work with Iroquois County.

### **New Business:**

Next Meeting will be March 5, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

### **Resolutions:**

Acting County Engineer Agreement with Iroquois County

Mrs. Ihrke moved and Mr. McCall seconded the motion to present to the full board for approval.

Having no further items to discuss, Mrs. Ihrke moved to adjourn at 8:05 am. Seconded by Mrs. King. Motion passed.

# FORD COUNTY PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES

Stats for January 2024

**January of 2024**

**ADULTS:**

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	70	Active	83
Misdemeanors	26	Warrants	145
DUI Cases	21	TOTAL	228
Traffic Cases	0		
TOTAL	117		

**JUVENILES:**

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Probation	6	Active	4
Cont'd Supervision	0	Inactive	1
Informal	0	TOTAL	5
Other	0		
TOTAL	6		

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

<u>Adults</u>		<u>Juveniles</u>	
Cases	60	Cases	5
Hours	7155	Hours	177
TOTAL CASES:	65		
TOTAL HOURS:	7332		

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE / DIVERSION:**

Intakes this month                    1  
 Cases reviewed this month        1  
 Active Conference/Diversion Cases    0 Restorative Justice / Diversion 8

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

PSI's ordered            3    PSI's completed 6  
 Record Checks completed    0

**INTAKES:**

Adults:            8            Juveniles: 1

**ELECTRONIC MONITORING / GPS:**

Adults:            0            Juveniles: 0

**CONTACTS FROM POLICE AND / OR CLIENTS AFTER HOURS:**

Police            5            Clients            4

**HOME / SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH:**

Home:            3            School            2

**RESTITUTION / COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED:**

Restitution collected this month 750.24

Community Service collected:

Adults:            95            Juveniles: 10

**January 2023 (Same month last year)**

**ADULTS:**

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	64	Active	83
Misdemeanors	21	Warrants	141
DUI Cases	16	TOTAL	224
Traffic Cases	2		
TOTAL	103		

**JUVENILES:**

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Probation	6	Active	8
Cont'd Supervision	1	Inactive	1
Informal	2	TOTAL	9
Other	0		
TOTAL	9		

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

<u>Adults</u>		<u>Juveniles</u>	
Cases	57	Cases	4
Hours	6475	Hours	197
TOTAL CASES:	61		
TOTAL HOURS:	6672		

**VIOLATIONS:**

Adult:            3    Juveniles: 0



**COMMUNITY MEETING ATTENDED THIS MONTH:**

- Ford County Board Meeting (outside regular hours)
- Ford County Finance Meeting
- ROSC Meeting
- CMO Meeting

**TRAININGS / PRESENTATIONS COMPLETED DURING THIS MONTH:**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED OUTSIDE MON. - FRI. 8:30 - 4:30:** 6

<u>OFFICER CASELOAD</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>PRETRIAL</u>
Jennifer Anderson	96	0	
Rocky Marron	48	2	
Ariel Brucker	30	1	
Mallory Lithgow	26	8	
Warrant Status	145	1	

**INTAKES THIS MONTH:**

<u>Adult:</u>		<u>Juvenile:</u>	
Felony Cases	5	Probation	3
Misdemeanors	3	Cont'd Supervision	0
DUI Cases	1	Informal	0
Traffic Cases	0	Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>

**CONFINEMENTS:**

Juvenile Detention	0		
IDOC Commitments	0		
Group Home		Adults: 1	Juveniles: 2
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment:		Adults: 3	Juveniles: 0

**ADULT PROGRAMS ORDERED THIS MONTH:**

**COMPLETED THIS MONTH:**

Alcohol / Substance Abuse Assessment	4	1
DUI Assessment	0	1
Alcohol / Substance Abuse Treatment	0	1
DUI Education / Treatment	0	1
Victim Impact Panel	1	1
Cognitive Classes	5	2
Anger / Domestic Abuse Classes	0	3
Mental Health	5	3
Sex Offender Treatment	0	0
Parenting Classes	0	0
Psychiatric / Psychological Assessment	0	0
Traffic School	0	0

**FORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**JANUARY 2024**

**ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT**

**INCOME RECEIVED**

\$50,758.88 – Misc. Reimbursement	\$1,038.00 – Civil Process
\$23,188.00 – Boarding	\$ 600.00 – Sheriff Sale
\$ 5,330.00 – Seized/Forfeiture Fund	\$ 513.03 – Transports
\$ 3,333.34 – Contracts	\$ 60.00 – Reports
\$ 2,367.99 – Inmate Phones	

**TOTAL FOR THE MONTH**

\$87,189.24

**FY24 TOTAL TO DATE**

\$103,577.07

**TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS-08**

**WARNING CITATIONS-22**

**TRAFFIC CITATIONS-35**

13 – Speeding	02 – Suspended Registration	01 – Squealing Tires
04 – Uninsured Vehicle	01 – Illegal Transportation/Alcohol	01 – Disregard Stop Sign
03 – DUI	01 – Illegal Possession Cannabis	01 – Improper Lane Usage
02 – Driving with no lights w/required	01 – Driving on wrong side of road	01 – No Driver's License
02 – Reckless Driving	01 – Leaving the Scene of Accident	01 – Failure to Reduce Speed

**CRIMINAL CITATIONS-07**

02 – Obstructing Police Officer	01 – Possession of Meth
01 – Obstructing Justice/Destroying Evidence	01 – Disorderly Conduct
01 – Aggravated Battery	

**FIELD INCIDENT/COMPLAINT REPORTS**

14 – Motorist Assists	04 – House Check	01 – Court Order Violation
11 – Investigation Follow-up	03 – E911 Hang-up	01 – Railroad Complaint
10 – Assist other Agency	02 – Vandalism	01 – Suicide Threat
09 – Animal Complaint	02 – Property Standby	01 – Theft
09 – Domestic Trouble	02 – Sex offender Notification	
08 – Welfare Check	02 – Juvenile Complaint	
09 – Civil/Non-criminal Complaint	02 – Burglary	
08 – Security Alarm	01 – Damage to Property	
07 – Suspicious Activity	01 – Road Hazard	
06 – Suspicious Vehicle	01 – Noise Complaint	

**CIVIL PROCESS ACTIVITY (SERVICES/ATTEMPTS)**

Court Summons: 32/40                      Warrants: 16

**FORD COUNTY INMATES TOTAL MANDAYS TO DATE (888)**

Monthly Ford County Inmate Mandays: 401

## RESOLUTION 24 -

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Policy Manual was last adopted on February 14, 2022, as Resolution 22 – 22; and

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Policy Manual may be amended by the Ford County Board, at its discretion, at any duly constituted regular County Board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, a Paid Leave Act Policy effective January 1, 2024, requires employers to adopt said policy; and

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Ford County Board adopts the following language to be added to the Employee Policy Manual adopted as Resolution 22 – 22 on February 14, 2022, effect January 1, 2024:

### **Paid Leave Act Policy**

**Accruals and use.** Employees will be able to earn and use a minimum of 40 hours of paid leave during a 12-month period. Paid leave will accrue at a rate of one hour for every 40 hours worked and may be used for any purpose. Overtime-exempt employees will be deemed to work 40 hours each workweek unless their regular workweek is fewer than 40 hours. Employees will not have to give a reason for the leave, and Elected Officials/Dept. Heads will not be able to require documentation or certification for the leave.

**Timing.** Paid leave will begin accruing on the first day of employment or Jan. 1, 2024, whichever is later. Employees will be able to use paid leave 90 days after accruals begin. Employees will have the choice to use paid leave under this law before using any other leave provided by the employer or state law. In other words, the Elected Officials/Dept. Heads cannot require an employee to exhaust some other paid leave before using leave under this law. If a former employee is rehired within 12 months, all previously accrued but unused paid leave must be reinstated and made available for immediate use.



**Notice.** Employees will be able to request leave in writing or orally in accordance with the employer's reasonable notification requirements. Elected Officials/Dept. Heads will require seven calendar days' notice for foreseeable leaves. For unforeseeable leaves, employees will have to provide notice as soon as practicable. Elected Officials/Dept. Heads will have to give employees written documentation of any required notice procedures.

**Pay.** Employees will receive their hourly pay rate while on leave. Elected Officials/Dept. Heads will not have to pay out unused paid leave on employment separation unless the paid leave is credited to an employee's paid time off (PTO) bank or vacation account, as required by the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act and rules.

Dated this February 12, 2024

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Debbie Smith  
Ford County Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder



WHEREAS, The County of Ford, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35ILCS 200/21-90, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Ford, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

PEACH ORCHARD TOWNSHIP

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 07-09-01-156-006, 016

As described in certificates(s) : 20150081 sold October 2016, 20160052 sold October 2017

and it appearing to the County Board that it is in the best interest of the County to dispose of its interest in said property.

WHEREAS, Acres Investments LLC, has bid \$856.00 for the County's interest, such bid having been presented to the County Board at the same time it having been determined by the County Board and the Agent for the County, that the County shall receive from such bid \$323.00 as a return for its certificate(s) of purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$0.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s) and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account, the auctioneer shall receive \$0.00 for his services and the Recorder of Deeds shall receive \$83.00 for recording. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services. The total paid by purchaser is \$856.00.

WHEREAS, your County Board recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Ford County, Illinois, be hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest on the above described real estate for the sum of \$323.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of Ford County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN



WHEREAS, The County of Ford, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35ILCS 200/21-90, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Ford, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

23N TOWNSHIP

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 12-16-08-303-002

As described in certificate(s) : 20190099 sold March 2021

and it appearing to the County Board that it is in the best interest of the County to dispose of its interest in said property.

WHEREAS, Marla Manship, has bid \$2,010.00 for the County's interest, such bid having been presented to the County Board at the same time it having been determined by the County Board and the Agent for the County, that the County shall receive from such bid \$1,445.25 as a return for its certificate(s) of purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$0.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s) and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account, the auctioneer shall receive \$0.00 for his services and the Recorder of Deeds shall receive \$83.00 for recording. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services. The total paid by purchaser is \$2,010.00.

WHEREAS, your County Board recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Ford County, Illinois, be hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest on the above described real estate for the sum of \$1,445.25 to be paid to the Treasurer of Ford County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN



Resolution 24-

Resolution Allowing the Ford County Engineer to Continue Serving as Acting Iroquois County Engineer

WHEREAS: a vacancy existed on April 21, 2023 in the office of the County Engineer in Iroquois County, Illinois due the untimely death of the incumbent County Engineer Joel V Moore which occurred on April 21, 2023, and

WHEREAS: the Iroquois County Board, due to this emergency, did on April 30, 2023 appoint Gregory L Perkinson, the current Ford County Engineer as the Acting Iroquois County Engineer.

WHEREAS: The continuing resolution 24-06 approving Gregory L Perkinson as the acting Iroquois County Engineer expires on February 28, 2024 it will be necessary to extend the acting county engineer appointment.

THEREFORE: Gregory L Perkinson will continue to serve as the Ford County Engineer, as of February 28, 2024 his salary paid by both Ford and Iroquois counties. His Ford County hourly rate will be \$38.90 per hour.

WHEREAS: the Iroquois County Board will continue to search for a permanent County Engineer, this agreement will terminate when the permanent Iroquois County Engineer is appointed. The date for the permanent appointment will be determined by the time required for the Illinois Department of Transportation to process the necessary paperwork.

THEREFORE: Due to the vacancy that exists in the office of the County Engineer in Iroquois County, the Ford County Board does hereby approve the continuing appointment of Gregory L Perkinson as Acting County Engineer in Iroquois County while concurrently serving as the County Engineer in Ford County in accordance with the above conditions.

Signed this 12th day of February 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Smith  
Ford County Board Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Frederick  
Ford Couty Clerk & Recorder

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the Ford County Sheriff's Merit Commission was established under the guidance of ILCS 5/3-8001, the guidance and policy was revised and approved September 25, 2002. The purpose of the commission is to assist and/or advise the Sheriff in matters relating to law enforcement as they may apply to his department.

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Sheriff to nominate individuals for membership to the Merit Commission.

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of Commissioner, Mr. Doug Berry is expired, Sheriff Chad Johnson nominates this individual to succeed himself as a member of the Merit Commission. The term of the appointee will expire in the year 2028.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk/Recorder

## RESOLUTION 24 -

### Resolution- Ford County Declares it is a NON-Sanctuary County for Immigrants

**WHEREAS** Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution gives Congress the power to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and;

**WHEREAS** it is the duty of Congress to establish all laws and rules regarding naturalization, and;

**WHEREAS** the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on July 9, 1869, and granted citizenship to “all persons born or naturalized in the United States” are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside, and;

**WHEREAS** local law enforcement in Illinois is dedicated to protecting the communities they serve and promoting public safety requires the assistance and cooperation of the community, so law enforcement has the ability to gather the information necessary to solve and deter crime, and;

**WHEREAS** the trust of residents is crucial to ensure that they report crimes, provide witness statements, cooperate with law enforcement and feel comfortable seeking help when they are concerned about their safety, and;

**WHEREAS** Illinois law enforcement is governed by the 2017 Illinois Trust Act, which helps bolster cooperation with communities and confirms that law enforcement entities in Illinois are largely prohibited from participating in immigration enforcement operations thus declaring Illinois a “Sanctuary State” for immigration, and;

**WHEREAS** local law enforcement may not enter into immigration enforcement agreements with federal immigration authorities, and;

**WHEREAS** there is no express or inherent authority under Illinois law that permits state or local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration law, and;

**WHEREAS** local law enforcement may not stop, arrest search or detain an individual on the sole basis that they are undocumented, and;

**WHEREAS** only federal officers have the authority to arrest an individual for violation of civil immigration law without a criminal arrest, and;

**WHEREAS** Illinois cities, such as Chicago have declared themselves a “SANCTUARY CITY” by passing their “Welcoming City Ordinance” in 2021 protecting undocumented immigrants and refugees, and;

**WHEREAS** the volume of asylum seekers in voluntary Sanctuary Cities are reportedly overwhelming social service agencies and straining community resources, and;



**WHEREAS** those who enter the country illegally create the greatest burden on those who have entered legally often competing for the same jobs and opportunities

**WHEREAS** Ford County recognizes the humanitarian plight of those seeking refuge and asylum from oppressive governments in other parts of the world, and;

**WHEREAS** the federal government's refusal to enforce said immigration laws empowers drug cartels and victimizes women and children and often results in the exploitation of migrants, many of which have not filed asylum applications and are currently unaccounted for; and

**WHEREAS** Ford County respects the history of the United States as a beacon of freedom and opportunity, and;

**WHEREAS** Ford County recognizes and supports legal immigration through the proper channels of government, and;

**WHEREAS** Ford County supports the Sheriff's Office to uphold the law, federal immigration policy, and to protect and preserve public safety in our community

**WHEREAS** those who pay taxes and follow the laws of the land have been unfairly exploited and burdened by those who do not pay taxes and choose not to follow the laws of the land, and;

**WHEREAS** Ford County supports and upholds the rights of those legally in our communities and currently paying taxes to support the services we provide to our community, and;

**WHEREAS** Ford County by declaring itself a NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY pledges and re-dedicates its limited resources to its residents in need: Seniors, families living below the poverty level, veterans, and all those in need of Social Services already here in Ford County,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF FORD, ILLINOIS**, unit of local government by and through the Ford County Board that we declare ourselves a NON-SANCTUARY COUNTY for IMMIGRATION, dedicating our limited resources to all those already in need here in Ford County.

Passed and Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deb Smith  
Chairman of the Ford County Board

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
ENVIRONMENTAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

The Environmental and Safety Committee met on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail. Those in attendance were Chairman May, Mrs. King, Mr. McCall, Mrs. Mussman and Mr. Vaughn. Also in attendance were Chairman of the Board Mrs. Smith, Mr. McQuinn and Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

Mr. McCall moved to approve the Agenda. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Chairman May went through the current Solid Waste Ordinance and the committee discussed some updates.

For a Safety Report, the committee discussed the replacement of glass in the cells, the Courthouse project and the Clerk & Recorder's basement project.

Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mrs. Mussman seconded it.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024**

The committee members met in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 3:30 P.M. The roll call showed the following people in attendance: Chairman Ann Ihrke, Cindy Ihrke, Gene May, Chase McCall, and Tom McQuinn. Also, in attendance were: Chairman of the Board Debbie Smith, board member Tim Nuss, EMA Coordinator Whitebird, Button Twp. Highway Commissioner Ron Hilligoss, a Gibson City resident and Will Brumleve with the Ford County Chronicle.

Mrs. C Ihrke made the motion to move Discussion/Possible action on language concerning Sanctuary City Resolution for Ford County up from the last topic to the second topic under New Business and to change "City" to "County" then to approve the agenda. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to send text amendments to State's Attorney Killian for his review. Mr. McCall seconded. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass to the full county board a Resolution with language concerning Sanctuary County for Ford County. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow the Chairman of the Board Debbie Smith to send a letter to RWE Clean Energy regarding decommissioning financial security. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow the Chairman of the Board Debbie Smith to send a letter to RWE Clean Energy regarding the replacement of the failed 1.6 MW WTG Wind Turbine with a more modern model. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

The committee then discussed a sequestration regarding an ordinance or moratorium, an ordinance for battery storage and a contact point for wind & solar agents pursuing projects in Ford County.

At 5:33 P.M., Mr. May made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Smith  
Ford County Board Chairman

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The committee members met in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. The roll call showed the following people in attendance: Chairman Ann Ihrke, Cindy Ihrke, Gene May, and Tom McQuinn. Also, in attendance were: Chairman of the Board Debbie Smith, County Board Member Tim Nuss, Ford County Engineer Perkinson, EMA Whitebird and Karen Kummerow. Mr. McCall was seated at 3:09 P.M.

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

The committee discussed a carbon capture sequestration regarding an ordinance or moratorium. Mr. McQuinn made the motion to table the ordinance. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to accept text amendments for the Solor & Wind Ordinance. Mr. May seconded it.  
Roll Call – Unanimous

At 3:09 P.M., Mr. McQuinn made the motion to seat Mr. McCall. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass a Resolution for Ford County becoming Non-Sanctuary County onto the full board. Mr. May seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 4, Nays - 1  
(Nay - McCall)

The committee then discussed RWE clean energy regarding decommission financial security, RWE clean Energy’s replacement of the failed 1.6 MW WTG wind turbine with a more modern model, a county contact point for wind & solar agents pursuing projects in the county.

Mr. McCall left the meeting at 4:42 P.M.

The committee then briefly discussed a battery storage ordinance.

At 4:47 P.M., Mr. McQuinn made the motion to adjourn. Mr. May seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Smith  
Ford County Board Chairman

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
SHERIFF & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

The Sheriff and Property Committee met in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mr. McQuinn, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. A. Ihrke, Mrs. Mussman and Mrs. Smith. Also in attendance were Sheriff Johnson and Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

Mrs. Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to that all submitted claims be recommended to the full board for payment. Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Coroner Roderick was not present the committee briefly went through his monthly report.

Sheriff Johnson went through his monthly report.

For a Safety Report, Sheriff Johnson updated the committee on security projects for the Courthouse, updating cameras and cell damages by inmates.

Mrs. Smith made the motion to pass onto the full board a Resolution re-appointing D. Berry to the Sheriff's Merit Commission. Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Mussman moved to adjourn. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Voice Vote – Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder



**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. May, and Mrs. C. Ihrke. Also in attendance were Sheriff Johnson, Chief Probation Officer Anderson, EMA Whitebird, representatives Todd & Ross with MCS and Clerk & Recorder Frederick. Mr. Aubry was not present.

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

Todd & Ross with MCS gave a brief review of managed services over the past year.

After the committee reviewed the submitted Finance claims, Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass all submitted Finance claims to the full board for approval. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

After the committee reviewed the submitted ARPA claims, Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass all submitted ARPA claims to the full board for approval. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. May made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution adopting paid time out language to the employee handbook. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution for the sale of a property in Peach Orchard sold for delinquent taxes. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution for the sale of a property to M. Manship sold for delinquent taxes. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

For a Safety Report, Sheriff Johnson updated the committee on security projects for the Courthouse, updating cameras and cell damages by inmates.

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to adjourn, Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried  
Meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder