

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 11, 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, March 11, 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: Chase McCall, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Smith. Mrs. Mussman and Mr. Vaughn were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Chad Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Debbie Smith

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. McCall moved to approve the February 21, 2024 Special County Board Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Alicia Weber introduced herself as a candidate running for Ford County Circuit Clerk
- Jeff Orr Chairman of the Republican Committeepersons stated there will be a meet the candidates in Paxton at Pueblo Lindo Mexican Restaurant on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 5:15 P.M.
- Greg Niewold spoke on Ford County Farm #3, the CRP program and concerns spending \$40,000.00 in attorney's fees for the Pipeline project
- Ashley Laurent gave an update for the Ford County Workforce program

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. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. May stated they will be meeting soon.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Aubry moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee.** Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- There were no ARPA claims to approve.

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 19 (Agreement for IL Emergency Management Mutual Aid System)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 24 - 20 (Authorizing Participation in IL Emergency Management Mutual Aid System)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 24 - 21 (Appt. of W. Rueck to Little Lyman Drng. Dist)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 22 (Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of IL, Homeland Security and Ford County)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 23 (Acceptance of Low Bids for Twp MFT)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King stated the committee will meet in April and she encouraged everyone to watch the Paid Leave zoom meeting provided via email from Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Aubry stated the new phone system is up and running.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke stated they will be meeting soon to review issues with all 3 Ford County Farms and updates on the CRP program.

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 24 (Allowing Sheriff Johnson to sell certain County property for scrap)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 25 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Roberts)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 26 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Sibley)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mr. Aubry 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. March 13, 2024 at the Piper City Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| - Mr. Nuss stated there will be a walk through Health Fair in April. | |
| 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. <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 |
| - Chairman Smith stated there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in Champaign. | |

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nuss stated the meeting for ROSC will be held on March 26, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. via zoom.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:32 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2024

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 23 ACPT OF LOW BIDS FOR TWP MFT		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
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	VAUGHN, Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		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