

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**APRIL 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, April 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, Carson Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Smith. Chase McCall and Mr. May were not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Chad Johnson

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Chairman Debbie Smith

**E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:**

- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the March 11, 2024 County Board Minutes. Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick thanked Mr. May & Mr. Nuss for their help on election night for the March 19, 2024 General Primary Election.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Dallas Glazik stated he has been helping the board since 2019 with the Ford County Farms and how CRP makes since for the farms.
- Dave Kaeding spoke to the board about the board leaving the businesses involved with the Ford County Farms in limbo for not committing to a decision on what to do with the farms.

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

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

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. Aubry 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. King seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 27 & 24 - 28 (Approval of certain ARPA claims).**  
Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow for advertising for an Operator to plant beans on Farm #3 to prepare for planting CRP. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nays - 3  
(Nays - Mussman, Vaughn & Ferguson)
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to allow for advertising for work to fix waterways & erosion on Farm #2. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 29 (Appt. of L. Ehmen to Ford Co. Bd. of Review)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 30 (Appt. of J. Lattz to Ford Co. Public Bldg. Comm.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 31 (Appt. of R. Hitchens to Piper City Fire Protection Dist.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 32 (Appt. of B. Kruse to Sullivant Twp. Fire Protection Dist.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 33 (Intergovernmental Agreement between Ford, McLean, Livingston, Logan and Woodford Counties for a Veteran Treatment Court Coordinator)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke 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 - Ayes - 9, Not Present - 1  
(Not Present - Vaughn)

### **IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. King stated the committee will meet on April 18, 2024 in the Small Courtroom at 10:00 A.M.

### **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. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 34 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Elliott)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 35 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Kempton)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 36 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Piper City)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 37 (Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Gibson)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 38 (Intergovernmental Agreement with Gibson Area Ambulance)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke state the next meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Large Courtroom in the Courthouse.

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

- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**L. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (\* = Chairman of that committee)**

- I. 708 BOARD A. IHRKE
  - Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next meeting is Tues. April 30, 2024 in the Small Courtroom at the Courthouse.
- II. 9-1-1 NUSS
  - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting is Wed. April 10, 2024 at the Roberts Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M.
- III. CIRMA SMITH/McCALL
- IV. ECCA SMITH
  - Mr. Nuss stated the walk through Health Fair 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in Paxton & a silent auction April 26, 2024.
- V. E.M.A./LEPC TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH
  - Mr. Whitebird went through his monthly report & stated there is a Hazard Mitigation meeting April 9, 2024 in Roberts.
- VI. EXTENSION A. IHRKE
- VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. SMITH
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION SMITH/C. IHRKE
- X. UNION AFFAIRS SMITH/McQUINN
- XII. WIA SMITH

**M. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Nuss stated the meeting for ROSC will be held on April 23, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

**N. NEW BUSINESS:**

**O. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mrs. King moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 7:50 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

**P. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**April 8, 2024**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 27 & 24 - 28 APRV. CERTAIN ARPA CLAIMS		AD FOR OPR TO PLANT BEANS ON FARM #3 TO PREP FOR CRP		AD FOR WORK TO FIX WATERWAYS & EROSION ON FARM #2		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				
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X			X		X		X		X				
A	McCALL, Chase	-		-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	VAUGHN, Carson	X		X		X		X		X		NOT PRESENT		X					
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X				X					
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X				X					
A	MAY, Gene	-		-		-		-		-				-					
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X				X					
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X				X					
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	
		10	0	10	0	10	0	7	3	10	0	9	0	10	0	10	0		

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK