

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Aubry, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Ihrke and Mr. May. Also in attendance were Sheriff Johnson, Chief Probation Officer Anderson, Treasurer Whitcome, EMA Whitebird, Howard Haley, and Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

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

Howard Haley spoke to the committee on concerns of CRP for Ford Co. Farm #3, and he spoke on serious issues with Ford Co. Farms #2 & #3 and whether the board should just sell the farms. Mr. Haley also stated that if Mr. Shapland ever left as a commissioner for the Public Building Commission, he would like to see someone from the north to continue in his spot.

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

After the committee reviewed the submitted ARPA claims, Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to remove one claim to Bleich Roofing from ARPA funds and take the claim out of the Public Building funds in the General Fund and then to pass all other submitted ARPA claims to the full board for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration only 2 of the 4 Resolutions for ARPA claims. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The committee then discussed leasing Ford Co. Farm #3 for CRP; no action was taken.

Mrs. Smith made the motion to advertise for an operator to plant beans on Farm #3 to prep for planting CRP. No second – motion failed.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to advertise for an operator to plant beans on Farm #3. Mr. May second. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Smith made the motion to advertise for work to fix waterways and erosion on Farm #2. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

The committee then discussed advertising for 501C3 and a CRP lease, no action was taken.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution appointing L. Ehmert to the Ford Co. Board of Review. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution appointing J. Lattz to the Ford Co. Public Bldg. Commission. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution to appoint R. Hitchens to the Piper City Fire Protection Dist. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution to appoint B. Kruse to the Sullivant Fire Protection Dist. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to pass onto the full board for consideration an Intergovernmental Agreement between counties for a Veteran Treatment Court Coordinator. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

For a Safety Report, Sheriff Johnson updated the committee on security projects for the Courthouse and Jail.

Chairman Smith briefly spoke on an opening coming soon for the Board of Review. Mr. Aubry stated he received a call from a citizen concerned about lights on the wind turbines in the Sibley area and he is looking into it.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn, Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder