

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MAY 13, 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, May 13, 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, Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss and Chairman Smith. Chase McCall, Carson Vaughn and Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke 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 Agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss moved to approve the April 8, 2024 County Board Minutes. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Kacey Claire introduced herself as one of the contacts for Ford - Iroquois Co. Farm Bureau.

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

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

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. May stated the committee met tonight at 6:00 P.M. to review updates in the current Solid Waste Ordinance.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** and added Jury checks for approval. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Chairman Smith made the motion to re-appt. the following members to the Ford Co. Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2027: Dr. K. Austman, Dr. K. Brucker, S. Shell & R. Lindgren. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 39 (Re-App of J. Powers to Ford Co. Bd. of Review).** Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 40 (Appt. of R. Gualandi to Kempton Fire Prot. Dist.)**
Mr. Ferguson 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 - 41 (Maintenance for drainage tile).**
Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 42 (Agrmnt. with HLR to design a bridge replacement in Brenton Twp.).** Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 43 (Agrmnt. with HLR for 2024 bridge inspections).**
Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King stated the committee met on April 18, 2024 and Gallagher with CIRMA spoke to the committee on what CIRMA will offer in the future for health insurance. The next meeting will be on May 21, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the 2024/2025 Ford County Employee Health Insurance renewal.

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Aubry stated the committee will meet soon.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

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 - 44 (Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Melvin).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 45 (Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Paxton).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated meetings will be held on May 21 & May 28, 2024 in the Small Courtroom of the Courthouse.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss 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 |
| - Mrs. A. Ihrke stated they met on April 30, 2024 and Chief Probation Officer Anderson stated they are looking to start a Recovery Court in Ford County. | |
| II. <u>9-1-1</u> | NUSS |
| - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on June 12, 2024 at the Paxton Fire Dept. at 7:00 P.M. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u> | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | A. IHRKE |

- VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. SMITH
 - Chairman Smith stated the administrator that was appt. on April 19, 2024 stepped down due to receiving a position at the University of Illinois.
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION SMITH/C. IHRKE
 - Chairman Smith stated they met on May 6th and went over their budget.
- X. UNION AFFAIRS SMITH/McQUINN
- XII. WIA SMITH

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to allow Chairman Smith to sign a letter of Credit for decommission for Pioneer Trail Wind Farm. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried, 2 Nays
- Mr. Nuss stated ROSC held a breakfast all day at the Gibson City North Park and it was a success.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Smith stated the Finance Committee will soon be starting the FY 2025 budget process.
- Mr. Ferguson stated there will be a meeting held in Gibson City on Governor Pritzker offering another option for natural gas.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
The meeting ended at 7:38 P.M.

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2024

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		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	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X							
A	McCALL, Chase	-		-		-		-		-							
A	VAUGHN, Carson	-		-		-		-		-							
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X							
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X							
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X							
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X							
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X							
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X							
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X							
A	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	-		-		-		-		-							
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	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