

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JULY 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, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Chairman Debbie Smith.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Sarah Mussman, Chase McCall, Carson Vaughn, Leslie King, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Mr. Ferguson was not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Chad Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman Smith

F. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Chairman Smith stated the June 10, 2024 minutes were approved at the June 17, 2024 meeting.

Voice Vote - Carried

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a "Thank you" note to Debbie Smith for the card and gift from Alicia Weber.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

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

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 50 (Setting the salary for the Public Defender July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 51 (Dedicating ARPA Funds to Cyber Security & Managed Services)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 52 (Dedicating ARPA Funds to Public Safety Equipment)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

- Chairman Smith briefly discussed an extension proposed from the auditors and that Clerk & Recorder Frederick found a current resolution that the county is under with them that covers some of the extension to be extended; therefore, Treasurer Whitcomb has asked if that contract is still good. Finance will review the extension in August.

III. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Aubry stated there will be a meeting Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

VI. OVERVIEW LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

VII. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Sheriff Johnson informed the board of the need to remove & possibly replace some trees in the Courthouse front yard.

VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated that there is a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom at the Courthouse and State's Attorney Killian is almost finished with his review of the Battery Storage Ordinance.

IX. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

M. 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 will be on Wednesday 7:00 P.M. in Gibson City. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | SMITH/McCALL |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | SMITH |
| - Mr. Nuss stated they have met due to plans & fundraising. | |
| V. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u> | TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH |
| - EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report. | |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | A. IHRKE |
| VII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u> | SMITH |
| - Chairman Smith stated they will meet on July 16, 2024 to recommend someone to take over as office manager. | |
| 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 |

N. OLD BUSINESS:

O. NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave K. spoke asking to think of law enforcement as they have had a tough week. Mrs. King gave a prayer.
- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **create an Ad Hoc Committee for Farm #3**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mr. Aubry seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:29 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

Q. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

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FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2024

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 50 SET SAL FOR PUBLIC DEF 7/1/24 TO 6/30/25		RES 24 - 51 DEDICATING ARPA FUNDS TO CYBER SEC		RES 24 - 52 DEDICATING ARPA FUNDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY		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
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	VAUGHN, Carson	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A	FERGUSON, Randy	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK