

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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, Randy Ferguson, Leslie King, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Cindy Ihrke and Chairman Debbie Smith. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. May were not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chief Deputy Kaeding

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Chairman Smith

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

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. McCall moved to approve the July 8, 2024 County Board Minutes. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to make the following amendments to the June 17, 2024 Special County Board Minutes: under H. New Business: to note that the **\*\*MOTION FAILED\*\*** was called by State's Attorney Killian and not Chairman Smith and also that the motion was for a lease not a contract. Chairman Smith added that the second paragraph under H. New Business - The board then discussed the need for 9 votes in order to move forward and they discussed different options to use for the land such as an area for county residents would be able to use - should be moved to under the 3rd paragraph - Mr. Aubry made the motion to open the submitted sealed bid for an operator to plant soybeans on Farm #3 - as that was discussed later in the meeting. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept the amendments for the June 17, 2024 Special County Board Minutes. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried  
(some members abstained)

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chairman Smith stated the board received 2 letters referring to the Solar project.

**I. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Several members of the community including 5 members from Earth Rise spoke in favor of the Solar project.
- Melissa with Transit from Danville stated she has been working with Mr. Nuss to get public transportation in Ford Co.

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

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

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. ENVIRONMENT/SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

**II. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Aubry moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

- Mr. Aubry moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.  
Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 53 (Extending an Agreement with WIPFLI, LLP)**.  
Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- There was a brief discussion on managed services with JANO to be continued next month.
- Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 54 (Extending Managed Services with MCS)**.  
Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 55 (Rivian Ezone A4 Expansion)**.  
Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 56 (Allowing Clerk & Recorder Frederick to close a certain bank account)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 57 (Contract with Devnet)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

### **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 - 58 (Joint Funding Agrmnt. For Fed Funded Construction on Thawville Rd./1900 N)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

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

#### **V. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Aubry stated they met in July and the committee will allow Dept. Heads to meet with JANO on the managed services contract.

### **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
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 59 (A bid from MCS for the RFP 2024-02 Project)**.  
Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 24 - 60 (Allowing the Sheriff to dispose of/sell county owned personal property)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

### **VIII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke stated the next meeting will be held on, Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom at the Courthouse.

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

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

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

- I. 708 BOARD A. IHRKE
- II. 9-1-1 NUSS
  - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on August 14, 2024 7:00 P.M. in Roberts at the Fire station.
- III. CIRMA SMITH/McCALL
  - Mrs. Smith stated they will meet next month to go over finances.
- IV. ECCA SMITH
  - Mr. Nuss stated they had a successful fundraising golf outing.
- V. E.M.A./LEPC TERRY WHITEBIRD/SMITH
  - EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.
- VI. EXTENSION A. IHRKE
- VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. SMITH
  - Chairman Smith stated they will be moving to a new location in Paxton by November 2024.
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/SMITH
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION SMITH/C. IHRKE
- X. UNION AFFAIRS SMITH/McQUINN
- XII. WIA SMITH

**N. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chairman Smith stated she will appt. new members soon for the Ad Hoc Committee.

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Ordinance 24 - 61 (ZBA Findings of Fact for Earth Rise Solar Farm)** with conditions. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

**P. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Aubry moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
- The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

**Q. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Chief Deputy Kaeding

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**August 12, 2024**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 53 EXT. AGRMNT WITH WIPFLI LLP		RES 24 - 54 EXT MNGD SERV WITH MCS		RES 24 - 57 CONTRACT WITH DEVNET		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 24 - 58 JOINT FUND AGRMNT FOR THAWVILLE RD 1900N		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		X	
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	
A	MAY, Gene	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	
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	
		10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK

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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES 24 - 59 RFP 2024-02 PROJECT WITH MCS		RES 24 - 61 ORD ZBA FINDINGS OF FACTS FOR SOLAR PROJECT		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
		YES	NO	YES	NO										
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X											
P	McCALL, Chase	X		X											
A	VAUGHN, Carson	-		-											
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X											
P	KING, Lesley	X		X											
A	MAY, Gene	-		-											
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X											
P	AUBRY, Chuck	X		X											
P	IHRKE, Ann	X		X											
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X											
P	IHRKE, Cindy (VC)	X		X											
P	SMITH, Debbie (CHAIRMAN)	X		X											
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED	0	PASSED	0	PASSED	10	PASSED	0	PASSED	10	PASSED	0	PASSED	0

COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK