

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024**

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mr. Aubry, Mr. Ferguson Mrs. C. Ihrke and Mr. May. Also in attendance were County Board Members Tim Nuss and Ann Ihrke, Sheriff Johnson, Chief Probation Officer Harrison, Treasurer Whitcomb, EMA Whitebird, Ben Wilson from Kankakee Co., County Board members from Vermilion Co. and Clerk & Recorder Frederick. Chairman Smith was not present.

Mr. Aubry made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

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

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

EMA Whitebird spoke to the committee about lights on the county/EMA squad needing to be repaired and how he would like a repeater added to the Melvin water tower for approximately \$17,000.00 per year or one could be added to a grain elevator for free.

Chief Probation Officer Jennifer Harrison stated due to Ford County not having a V.A.C., the county would be required to train and pay for a mentor if one was needed.

Mr. Aubry made a motion to pass onto the full board for consideration to let the FY 2025 Budget lay in the Clerk & Recorder's office until the November County Board meeting. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made a motion to pass onto the full board for consideration a Resolution asking for a legislative ban on carbon sequestration under Sole Source Aquifers. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Aubry made a motion to pass onto the full board for consideration an agreement with Earth Energy for Decommissioning. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. C. Ihrke made a motion to revise a resolution to appoint Ann Ihrke to the Zoning Board of Appeals stating that said term would begin December 1, 2024, and then to pass the revised resolution to the full board for consideration. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Aubry made a motion to pass onto the full board a managed services proposal from MCS recommended from the IT Committee for consideration. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

The committee then spoke with representatives from Kankakee and Vermilion County's about CHRIS. Then they discussed the Ad Hoc committee and that the Public Building Commission has hired a title search company to determine ownership of all 3 Ford County farms.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass onto the full board for consideration an Intergovernmental Agreement with Head Start and Champaign County. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.  
Vote – Carried

Voice

For Safety, Sheriff Johnson stated that surveillance cameras are being updated.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.

Voice Vote – Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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