

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024  
(See the attached Minutes from  
Dec. 10, 2024 County Board Meeting)**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Small Court Room in the Ford County Courthouse in Paxton on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Clerk & Recorder Frederick.

**B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Clerk Frederick/Mrs. King

**C. OATHS OF OFFICE GIVEN TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS:**

Clerk Frederick swore in the following newly elected board members: Garrett Kerber, Cindy Ihrke, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, Greg Niewold and Kelsie Vaughn.

**D. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Randy Ferguson, Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber, Lesley King, Gene May, Chase McCall, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, Greg Niewold, Carson Vaughn, and Kelsie Vaughn.

**E. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:**

Clerk Frederick asks for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Nuss made a motion to nominate Cindy Ihrke as Chairman of the Board. Mrs. King seconded it. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to nominate Chase McCall as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

**F. CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:**

Clerk Frederick asked for any other nominations for Chairman of the Board, after no other nominations, Clerk Frederick asked for a motion to close nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. McQuinn made the motion to close nominations. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**G. BALLOT VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN:**

Clerk Frederick passed out Ballots with the names of Cindy Ihrke and Chase McCall on them for Chairman of the Board. After each County Board member voted, Clerk & Recorder Frederick tallied the votes. The results were as follows: 4 votes for Cindy Ihrke, 8 votes for Chase McCall. Clerk & Recorder Frederick announced Chase McCall as the new Chairman, Mr. McCall took over the rest of the meeting.

**H. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman McCall asks for nominations for Vice Chairman of the board. Mr. Nuss made a motion to nominate Cindy Ihrke as Chairman of the Board. Mrs. King seconded it. Mrs. Mussman nominated Carson Vaughn. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

**I. CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman McCall asked for a motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

**J. BALLOT VOTE FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Clerk Frederick passed out Ballots with the name Cindy Ihrke and Carson Vaughn on Them for Vice Chairman. After each County Board member voted, Clerk & Recorder Frederick tallied the votes. The results were as follows: 4 votes for Cindy Ihrke, 8 for Carson Vaughn. Clerk & Recorder Frederick announced Carson Vaughn as the new Vice Chairman.

- Chairman McCall set committees and members for each.

**K. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

**L. PROCLAMATION:**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Chairman Chase McCall.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Randy Ferguson, Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber, Lesley King, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, Greg Niewold, Tim Nuss, Kelsie Vaughn, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall. Mr. May was not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Chad Johnson

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Sheriff Chad Johnson

**E. DECLARATION OF VOTES FOR COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN**

- Chairman McCall thanked the Edgar County Watch Dogs for bringing to the boards attention the voting process for Chairman and Vice Chairman and for the legal advise from State's Attorney Killian. Chairman McCall then asked Clerk & Recorder Frederick to take roll call for the votes from the Organizational Meeting held on December 2, 2024 and to add the votes as an attachment.

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

- Mrs. Ihrke made the motion to amend the agenda by removing 2 items under New Business: Discussion/Possible action regarding termination or negotiated settlement of Cash Rent Lease Agreement for Ford County Farms #1 & #2 between lessor, Ford County Board and lessee - Purcell Farms/Nick Purcell and Discussion/Possible action on Authorization for Farm Committee to seek sealed Cash Rent bids for Ford County Farms #1 & #2 and then to approve the revised Agenda. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mrs. Ihrke made the motion to approve the County Board Minutes from November 18, 2024, amend the date on the Special County Board from June 17, 2024 to November 27, 2024 and the Organizational Minutes from December 2, 2024 adding the Roll Call votes from tonight's meeting. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**H. COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

**L. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- Chairman McCall stated they will meet on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.

**II. FARM COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Niewold stated they met Dec. 6, 2024 and looked at language for the lease and that the FSA office notified him that Farm #3 was not reported and there will be a penalty for the county to pay.

### **III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** and adding Jury pay for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 01 (Appt. of M. Froelich to Pella Twp #2 Drng. Dist.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 02 (Appt. of L. Stroh to Sibley Drng. Dist.)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 03 (Setting FY 2025 Levy)**. Mrs. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 10, Nays - 1  
(Nay - Niewold)
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to adopt a Resolution revising the Setting the Ford County Board Meeting Schedule for FY 2025. Mr. Niewold seconded it. After discussion, Mrs. King made a motion to amend the Resolution by changing the time of the meetings from 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mrs. Ihrke seconded it. After discussion, Mrs. Mussman amended her motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 04 (Revising Res 24 - 76 Setting County Board Meetings for FY 2025 to Monday, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, & Nov. 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.)**. Mr. Niewold seconded the amendments. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Nays - 2  
(Nay - McQuinn & Nuss)

### **IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 05 (Appropriating Funds for payment of County Engineer's Salary for 2025)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 06 (Agreement for payment of County Engineer's Salary for 2025)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

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

### **VI. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Vaughn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 07 (Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Elliott)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 08 (Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Piper City)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

### **VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

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

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

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

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| I. <u>708 BOARD</u>   | KING                        |
| II. <u>9-1-1</u>  | NUSS                        |
| - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on Dec. 11, 2024 7:00 P.M. in Roberts at the Fire station. |                             |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u>   | McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE      |
| - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be in January 2025 by zoom.                                   |                             |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u>   | NUSS                        |
| V. <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>  | FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN     |
| VI. <u>E.M.A./LEPC</u>  | TERRY WHITEBIRD/McCALL/NUSS |
| - EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.  |                             |
| VII. <u>EXTENSION</u>   | MUSSMAN                     |
| VIII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u>  | McCALL/NUSS                 |
| - They are currently moving into a new building.  |                             |
| IX. <u>MOBILE REGION 8</u>  | SHERIFF JOHNSON/McCALL      |
| X. <u>REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION</u>  | McCALL/C. VAUGHN            |
| XI. <u>UNION AFFAIRS</u>  | McCALL/McQUINN              |
| XII. <u>WIA</u>   | McCALL/NIEWOLD              |
| - Next meeting is December 11th at 1:00 P.M.  |                             |

**N. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. McQuinn - Chairman of the Public Bldg. Commission, stated the commission would like for the county board to consider if they would like the piece of the Nursing Home land the commission owns and if so, let the commission know so it may be discussed further.
- Mrs. Ihrke briefly discussed rural transportation.

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. Ihrke made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 09 (Ford County Food Service and Sanitation Ordinance)**.  
Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**P. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried  
The meeting ended at 8:14 P.M.

**Q. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**December 10, 2024**

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	ROLL CALL FOR VOTES ON NOMIN OF CHASE McCALLAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ON DEC.2, 2024		ROLL CALL FOR VOTES ON NOMIN OF CINDY IHRKEAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ON DEC.2, 2024		ROLL CALL FOR VOTES ON NOMIN OF CARSON VAUGHN AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ON DEC.2, 2024		ROLL CALL FOR VOTES ON NOMIN OF CINDY IHRKEAS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ON DEC.2, 2024		FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 25 03 FY 2025 TAX LEVY		RES REVISING RES 24 - 76 SET CB MEETING FOR FY 2025		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X				X				X		X		X			X
P	IHRKE, Cindy				X				X			X		X			X
P	KERBER, Garrett	X				X				X		X		X			X
P	KING, Lesley				X				X			X		X			X
A	MAY, Gene	-			-				-			-		-			-
P	McQUINN, Tom				X				X			X		X			X
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X				X					X		X				X
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X				X					X		X				X
P	NUSS, Tim	X				X					X		X				X
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X				X					X		X				X
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X				X					X		X				X
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X				X					X		X				X
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		FAILED		PASSED		FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES 25 - 05 APROP FUNDS FOR PAY OF ENGINEER'S SAL		RES 25 - 06 AGRMNT FOR PAY OF ENGINEER'S SAL		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 25 03 FY 2025 TAX LEVY		RES REVISING RES 24 - 76 SET CB MEETING FOR FY 2025		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X							
P	IHRKE, Cindy	X		X		X							
P	KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X							
P	KING, Lesley	-		-		-							
A	MAY, Gene	-		-		-							
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X							
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X							
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X							
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X							
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X		X		X							
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X		X		X							
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X		X		X							
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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