

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

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, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 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: Gene May, Kelsie Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Greg Niewold, Sarah Mussman, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Garrett Kerber, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall. Mrs. Ihrke and Mrs. King were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Chad Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to approve the County Board Minutes from December 10, 2024. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Paxton Police Chief Cornett & Victor Johnson spoke to the board about Crime Stoppers and if anyone is interested in becoming a member, please contact them.
- Betty C. spoke about the Ford County Nursing Home Farm and asked how to get the land back in her family name again.

I. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPT. HEADS TO A]

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. May made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 10 (Enacting of County Board Process Manual)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Chairman McCall briefly discussed the Ford Co. Solid Waste Ordinance, looking into a County Administrator, and having notepads for future board meetings.

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt 3 Resolutions 25 - 11, 25 - 12 & 25 - 13 (Appt. T. Ifft to Pella & Brenton Drng. Dist., T. Muehlenpfort to Wall Twp. Drng. Dist. and G. Stark to Vermilion Special Drng. Dist.)**. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Chairman McCall briefly discussed the need for having a Noxious Weed Control Supervisor.

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 14 (Making the Executive Committee a standing committee of the County Board)**. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - 1 - Nay

II. FARM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Niewold stated they met Dec. 20, 2024 and will meet again soon.

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.
Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.
Mr. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. Mussman made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 15 (Setting Per Diem for 2025)**.
Mr. Kerber seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. Vaughn seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 16 (Appropriating County Highway Funds to construct a bridge on the Ford Co./Livingston Co. line)**. Mr. Ferguson 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 - 17 (Law Enforcement Agreement with the City of Gibson City)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 18 (Law Enforcement Agreement with the City of Paxton)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

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

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

- I. 708 BOARD KING
- II. 9-1-1 NUSS
 - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on Feb. 12, 2025 7:00 P.M. in Paxton at the Fire station.
- III. CIRMA McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE
 - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be in January 2025 by zoom.
- IV. ECCA NUSS
 - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on January 28, 2025 by zoom.
- V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN
- VI. E.M.A./LEPC TERRY WHITEBIRD/McCALL/NUSS
 - EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.
- VII. EXTENSION MUSSMAN
- VIII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. McCALL/NUSS
 - Mr. Glenn Miller introduce himself as the new Public Health Administrator.
- IX. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/McCALL
- X. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION McCALL/C. VAUGHN
- XI. UNION AFFAIRS McCALL/McQUINN
- XII. WIA McCALL/NIEWOLD

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman McCall asked Clerk & Recorder Frederick to take roll call for Mr. May's votes from the Organizational Meeting held on December 2, 2024 and to add the votes as another attachment to those minutes.
- Mr. Kerber made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 19 (Properly adopt Ford Co. Res. 23 - 49 (WECS Ord.) and Res. 23 - 50 (Solar Ord.) as required by 55 ILCS 5/5-12014).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.
- Chairman McCall briefly discussed implementation of ZBA text amendments to Ford County Carbon Sequestration Ordinance, Battery Energy Storage Management System Ordinance (BESS) and Solar Ordinance. Chairman McCall then asked the Zone Committee to meet and review all text amendments.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 20 (Appt. of Liquor Commissioners for Ford County).** Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to grant permission to Chairman McCall of the Ford County Board to sign termination documents at the FSA Office for a lease agreement with Loda Sportsman Club for Farm #3. Mr. Vaughn seconded. Voice Vote - 1 - Nay
- Mr. Niewold made the motion to reimburse the Loda Sportsman Club for any application fees associated with Ford County Farm #3. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss stated there will be a ROSC meeting held on January 28, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. via zoom.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Kerber seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
The meeting ended at 7:22 P.M.

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025

Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 15 SETTING PER DIEM FOR 2025		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 16 APROP CO HWY FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT BRIDGE ON FORD/LIV CO LINES		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		MR. MAY'S VOTE FROM DEC 2, 2024 ORGAN. MEETING CHAIRMAN - McCALL vs. IHRKE		MR. MAY'S VOTE FROM DEC 2, 2024 ORGAN. MEETING VICE CHAIRMAN - C. VAUGHN vs. IHRKE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MAY, Gene	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	IHRKE, Cindy	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	KING, Lesley	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X					X
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X			
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	REIMBURSE LODA SPORTSMAN CLUB															
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
P	MAY, Gene	X															
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X															
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X															
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X															
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X															
P	NUSS, Tim	X															
P	McQUINN, Tom	X															
A	IHRKE, Cindy	-															
P	KERBER, Garrett	X															
A	KING, Lesley	-															
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X															
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X															
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