

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in the Small Courtroom of the Ford County Courthouse. Chairman McCall called the meeting to Order at 11:02am.

Chairman McCall administered roll call which showed the following committee members present: Randy Ferguson, Lesley King, Sarah Mussman, Tim Nuss, Carson Vaughn, Chairman Chase McCall. Quorum was established.

Greg Niewold was not present.

Department Heads present: CPO Jennifer Harrison, Sheriff Chad Johnson, County Engineer Greg Perkinson.

Mrs. King made a motion to accept the Executive Committee Agenda as written. Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval

There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

Under Old Business, Chairman McCall briefed committee members on the draft county board process manual for committee members, including the purpose and functionality of said manual. Mrs. Mussman made a motion to send the county board process manual and resolution to the Full Board for consideration, including an amendment under Article 7, Section 1-A Board Meeting Agenda to change the day from Thursday to Tuesday. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval

Under Old Business, Chairman McCall briefed committee members on a working draft of the Ford County Solid Waste Ordinance. After discussion, committee members agreed to continue to make improvement to the ordinance at a future Executive Committee meeting. No action was taken.

Under Old Business, Chairman McCall briefed committee members on the functionality of a Ford County Administrator. Chairman McCall has been in contact with the Illinois Association of County Administrators, a sub-association to the Illinois City/County Management Association. Mr. McCall will be meeting with retired administrators and association members Steve Carter and Scot Wrighton on January 21, 2025 to discuss the possibility of an administrator for the county. If the initial meeting goes well, Mr. McCall will invite both gentlemen to a future Executive Committee meeting.

Under Old Business, Chairman McCall briefed committee members regarding the use of electronic notepads for County Board Members. Sheriff Johnson noted that iPads seized some time ago will likely be released in February 2025 after the State's Attorney signs off on transfer. Once the iPads are under County Board custody, the Executive Committee, in partnership with

the Finance Committee, will reach out to MCS under the county's managed services agreement in order to load proper software and get the devices ready for use. The committees will also seek estimates from MCS for iPad covers to protect from damage, as well as, iPad keyboard case.

Under New Business, Mr. Ferguson made a motion to send the appointment of three drainage commissioners – T. Ifft to Pella and Brenton, T. Muehlenpfort to Wall Township, and G. Stark to Vermillion Special to the Full Board for consideration. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval

Under New Business, Chairman McCall briefed committee members regarding the potential appointment of a noxious weed control superintendent for Ford County. At a prior Farm Committee meeting, those committee members approved a motion to send this matter to the Executive Committee to follow through. Members of the Executive Committee will be in touch with the U of I Extension, FSA office, and other individuals on the possibility of finding a superintendent. After further discussion, it was determined by committee members to consider a noxious weed control superintendent at a future Executive Committee meeting. No action was taken.

Under New Business, Mr. Nuss made a motion to make the Executive Committee a standing committee of the County Board by resolution. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. During discussion, the committee agreed to tentatively meet the first Thursday of every month starting at 11:00am in the Small Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Voice Vote: Unanimous approval

There was no Safety Report

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nuss seconded the motion. Chairman McCall adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 12:02pm.

Chase McCall,
Chairman of Executive Committee