

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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, February 10, 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, Cindy Ihrke, Garett Kerber, Lesley King, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chief Deputy Dave Kaeding

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mrs. King made the motion to approve the County Board Minutes from January 13, 2025. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Chairman McCall reminded all members to complete their KnowBe4 training and asked new members to complete OMA & NIMS training and to submit the certificates of completion to Clerk & Recorder Frederick for filing.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Nick P. stated Farm #3 did profit and stated he would enter a bid for more than \$300.00
- Ron B. suggested freezing conservations and CRP's, he also spoke on about the Board of Review
- Melissa W. with CHRIS stated she was here to answer any questions the board may have
- Glenn M. with the Public Health Dept. updated the board on the move to the new location
- Dallas G. handed out paperwork on statistics in Illinois on beans & corn

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

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

- Mr. Ferguson 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:

- Chairman McCall briefly discussed the progress of looking into a County Administrator, gave an update on the use of having notepads for future board meetings, the progress of the Ford Co. Solid Waste Ordinance and that the committee decided to table indefinitely the appt. of a Noxious Weed Control superintendent.

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to appt. L. Matthews to the Ford Co. Board of Health for a 3-year term starting Feb. 2025. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Chairman McCall stated the committee agreed to moving the meetings to the first Tuesday of every month starting

at 4:30 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

II. FARM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to authorize the Treasurer to reimburse the Loda Sportsman's Club or individual member of said club, an amount no greater than \$50.00 to be paid from the "Farm Account" upon proof of prior payment to USDA for Farm #3 late filing penalty. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Niewold made the motion to adopt farm cash lease agreement as approved at the farm committee meeting on February 3, 2025. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Niewold made a motion that Ford Co. Clerk & Recorder Frederick in conjunction with the Ford Co. State's Att. Killian research and discover land deeds for what are commonly referred to as Ford Co. Farms 1, 2 & 3 or take the appropriate actions on behalf of Ford Co. to obtain land deeds for what are commonly referred to as Farms 1, 2 & 3. Mrs. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Clerk & Recorder Frederick stated she is not bonded for title searching but will be willing to help with the research.
- Mr. Niewold made the motion to authorize the farm committee to seek sealed bids for what is commonly referred to as "County Farm #3" for the 2025 crop year. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 8, Nays - 4
(Nays - Nuss, McQuinn, Ihrke & King)

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 11, Abstain - 1)
(Abstain - Niewold)
- Mrs. Mussman stated the committee would like to move the Finance committee to 5:00 P.M. before the County Board Meeting each month.

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 - 21 (Interagency Agreement between Ford, Iroquois & Livingston Co. for provision of public transportation).** Mrs. Ihrke seconded it. After discussion, Mr. Nuss amended his motion to add the addendum to the agreement. Mrs. Ihrke seconded the amendment. Roll Call - Ayes - 11, Nay - 1)
(Nay - Mussman)
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 22 (Interagency Agreement for participation in IL. public works Mutual Aid Network).** Mrs. Ihrke 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.** Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to allow the purchase of a computer switch for EOC for \$150.00. Mr. Niewold seconded. After discussion, Mr. Nuss rescinds his motion.
- Mr. Vaughn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 23 (Interagency Agreement with Gibson Area Ambulance Services).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Vaughn moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

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

- I. 708 BOARD KING
 - **Mrs. King stated the next meeting will be held on April 22nd.**
- 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
 - **Chairman McCall stated the last meeting was in January and they discussed policy.**
- IV. ECCA NUSS
 - **Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on February 25, 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. Nuss stated he's seeing good stuff happening.**
- IX. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/McCALL
- X. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION McCALL/C. VAUGHN
 - **They met early February to review grants.**
- XI. UNION AFFAIRS McCALL/McQUINN
- XII. WIA McCALL/NIEWOLD

M. OLD BUSINESS:

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Nuss stated there will be a Network panel on Feb. 12 at 9:00 A.M. via zoom and a ROSC meeting Feb. 25, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. via zoom.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded the motion
The meeting ended at 8:06 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

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

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2025

	Present = P Absent = A	MOTION TO REIMBURSE LODA SPORTSMAN CLUB		MOTION TO SEEK SEALED CASH FARM RENT BIDS		FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 21 INTRGV AGRMNT FOR PROVISN OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION		RES 25 - 22 INTRGV AGRMNT TO PRTCP IN MUT PUB AID NETWORK		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE			
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK