

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 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, March 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: Kelsie Vaughn, Randy Ferguson, Greg Niewold, Sarah Mussman, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Garrett Kerber, Lesley King, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall. Mr. May and Mrs. C. Ihrke were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mrs. King made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Kerber seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to approve the County Board Minutes from February 10, 2025. Mr. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Bardou with NWS Storm Ready, presented a certificate and road sign to EMA Whitebird, Deputy and volunteers.
- Mr. Lindgren, Ford County farmer and former Ford County Board Chairman spoke on the importance of continuing the cash leasing of the Ford County farms for revenue.
- Glenn M. head of the Ford County Public Health Dept. stated they hope to have an open house soon at the new location.

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

- EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.
- Chief Probation Officer J. Harrison stated they have a DUO Dog in place and hope to see him soon.
- State's Attorney Killian introduced his new office manager and Victim Witness Coordinator Erica K. who is replacing Mrs. Schwarz who was elected as Circuit Clerk November 2024 and stated Erika is a great asset to his office.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 24 (Appt. of several to the Ford Co. Housing Auth. Board)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. King made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 25 (Appt. of M. Ertel to Eastern IL. Econ. Development Authority)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 26 (Appt. of A. Butler to Ford Co. Board of Review)**. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 27 (Appt. of C. Ihrke & T. Nuss to Rural Transportation committee)**. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 28 (Appt. of V. Johnson to Ford Co. Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 29 (Appt. of E. Moritz to Ford Co. Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 30 (Appt. of T. Kendrick to Ford Co. Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

II. FARM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to open the 2 submitted sealed bids for the Cash Lease of Ford Co. Farm #3. Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 8, Nays - 2
(Nays - McQuinn & King)
- After review of the sealed bids, Mr. Niewold made the motion to accept the submitted bid for the Cash Lease of Ford Co. Farm #3 submitted by N. Purcell for \$320.00 per acre plus property taxes for 2024 payable 2025. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Nays - 1
(Nays - King)

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Abstain - 1
(Abstain - Niewold)
- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 9, Abstain - 1
(Abstain - Niewold)
- Mrs. Mussman stated the committee would like to move the April Finance committee to 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 11, 2025 in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 31 (Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement)**. Mrs. King seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 32 (Maintenance Under IL Highway Code)**. Mr. Niewold seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 33 (2025 Low Bids for MFT Maintenance)**. Mrs. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

V. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. King stated they will be meeting in April to start the 2025/2026 Employee Health Insurance process.

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 briefly discussed the need for Coroner Roderick's larger budget to hire more Deputy Coroner's. Mr. Vaughn advised the coroner to bring the concerns to the Finance committee during the FY 2026 budget process.

VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mr. Ferguson 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 Mar. 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in Piper City at the Fire station.
- III. CIRMA McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE
- IV. ECCA NUSS
 - Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be on Mar. 25, 2025 at 12pm by zoom.
- V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN
- VI. EXTENSION MUSSMAN
- VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. McCALL/NUSS
- VIII. MOBILE REGION 8 SHERIFF JOHNSON/McCALL
 - Mr. McCall stated the next meeting will be held on April 13, 2025.
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION McCALL/C. VAUGHN
- X. UNION AFFAIRS McCALL/McQUINN
- XI. WIA McCALL/NIEWOLD
 - Mr. McCall stated the next meeting will be held on March 12, 2025 at 1pm in Champaign.

M. OLD BUSINESS:

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 34 (Appt. of K. Northway to ESTB).** Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. McQuinn briefly spoke about the building the Public Bldg. Comm. owns at 235 N. Taft St., Paxton. Ford Co. paid for the purchase of the building, would the county want the deed to the building or would the county want the PBC to sell it and give the county back their amount of purchase. Also, the PBC owns 65 acres of the Nursing Home farm, would the county like the deed to that 65 acres. Chairman McCall took a straw pole of those who would want the 65 acres. Straw pole showed that all members would like the deed to the 65 acres.
- Mr. Nuss stated there will be a Network Panel meeting on Mar. 12 at 9:00 A.M. via zoom and a ROSC meeting Mar. 25, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. via zoom.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Niewold moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried
The meeting ended at 7:51 P.M.

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2025

BOARD MEMBER	MOTION TO OPEN SUBMITTED SEALED BIDS FOR CASH LEASE OF FARM #3		MOTION TO ACCEPT BID SUBMITTED BY N. PURCELL FOR CASH LEASE OF FARM #3		FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 31 LOCAL PUB. AGENCY ENGR. SRVC. AGRMNT.		RES 25 - 32 MAINT. UNDER HWY CODE		RES 25 - 33 ACCT OF 2025 LOW BIDS	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A MAY, Gene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P VAUGHN, Kelsie	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		ABSTAIN		ABSTAIN		X		X		X		X	
P MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
A IHRKE, Cindy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED																
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK

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BOARD MEMBER	SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE															
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A MAY, Gene	-	-														
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															
P KING, Lesley	X															
P VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X															
P McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X															
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED																
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