

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 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, Greg Niewold, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall. Mr. May, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Mussman and Mrs. King were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

- Mr. Nuss 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 March 10, 2025. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick thanked Mr. Nuss & Mr. McQuinn for helping election night for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chief Probation Officer Jennifer Harrison and trainer Derek, spoke on the Facility Dog, Marshall and what a benefit he has been so far to the public and Courthouse.
- Helen H. spoke on Liheap/Mobile Initiative.
- Donna C. spoke on candidate N. Santibanez for the Ford County Housing Board.

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

- EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.
- Chief Probation Officer Harrison spoke about a graduate from Veteran's Court.

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

- Mrs. Ihrke 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. Niewold made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 35 (Policy for the Ford Co. Facility Dog).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. C. Vaughn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 36 (Appt. of D. Brackenoff, K. Davis, R. Hill, E. Zimmerman, and P. Hornstein to the Ford Co. Planning Commission).** Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.

Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nay - 1)

(Nay - C. Ihrke)

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 37 (Appt. of N. Santibanez to Ford Co. Housing Authority).** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 38 (Acceptance of Leased Property Transfer at 200 W. State St. between Administrative Office of the IL courts to the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services).**
Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 39 (Re-Appt. of W. Berry to Piper City Fire Prot. Dist.).**
Mr. Niewold seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 40 (Licensed Garbage Hauler Ordinance in Ford Co).**
Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

II. FARM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to hire BCS, LLC for Soil Testing on Ford Co. Farm #3. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.
After discussion, Mrs. C. Ihrke & Mr. McQuinn stated the erosion is bad on this farm. Roll Call - Unanimous

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.
Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Abstain - 1)
(Abstain - Niewold)
- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all Highway claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.
Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Abstain - 1)
(Abstain - Niewold)

IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss stated the Highway Committee met but did not have a quorum.

V. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

VI. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. Nuss seconded it.
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. C. Vaughn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 41 (FY24 EMPG Grant Agreement).**
Mr. Niewold seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. C. Vaughn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 42 (Transportation MOU Agreement with First Student Bus Service in Paxton).** Mr. Niewold seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. C. Vaughn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 43 (Transportation MOU Agreement with Tri-Point School Dist. in Kempton).** Mr. Niewold seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. C. Vaughn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 44 (Transportation MOU Agreement with GCMS School Dist./IL. Central School Bus).** Mr. Niewold seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

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

L. 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 May 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in Gibson City at the Fire station. | |
| III. <u>CIRMA</u> | McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE |
| - Mr. McCall stated the next meeting will be April 21, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M. in Bloomington. | |
| IV. <u>ECCA</u> | NUSS |
| V. <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> | FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN |
| VI. <u>EXTENSION</u> | MUSSMAN |
| VII. <u>FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.</u> | McCALL/NUSS |
| VIII. <u>MOBILE REGION 8</u> | SHERIFF JOHNSON/McCALL |
| IX. <u>REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION</u> | McCALL/C. VAUGHN |
| X. <u>UNION AFFAIRS</u> | McCALL/McQUINN |
| XI. <u>WIA</u> | McCALL/NIEWOLD |

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to discuss the former Ford Co. PHD bldg. n/k/a 235 N. Taft St., Paxton. Mr. Nuss seconded it. After discussion, Mrs. C. Ihrke made a second motion, to purchase the building at 235 N. Taft St.
The motion dies for a lack of a second.
- Mr. McQuinn made a motion to accept and encounter all costs for the transfer of 65 acres of land on Ford County Farm #1 from the Public Bldg. Commission to the Ford County Board. Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made a motion to extend and add pheasant hunting on pasture ground to the IL. Recreational Access Program (IRAP) on Ford Co. Farm #3. Mr. Nuss seconded it. After discussion, Chairman McCall stated there is a need to verify that the IRAP contract was accepted by the County Board in the past. Chairman McCall then asked if the Farm Committee could look into what the IL. Dept. of Natural Resources would need as far as access and if signs would need to be in place. Mrs. C. Ihrke amended her motion to find validation for the IRAP contract. Mr. Nuss seconded the amendment.

Roll Call - 4 - Ayes, 4 - Nay

**** MOTION FAILED ****

(Nays - K. Vaughn, Niewold, C. Vaughn & McCall)

- Mr. Nuss stated he attended a ROSC meeting and that the Ford County Probation Office was mentioned as to how well they are doing.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to adjourn; Mr. Kerber seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:54 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. PROCLAMATION:

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Sheriff Chad Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING																	April 14, 2025							
Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES 25 - 36 APPT. OF SEVERAL PLANNING COMMISSIONERS		RES 25 - 38 AGRMNT FOR LEASED PROP. AT 200 W. STATE ST. FOR PRETRIAL SRVS.		HIRING BCS, LLC FOR SOIL TESTING ON FARM #3		FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 41 FY24 EMPG GRANT AGRMNT		ACCEPT TRANSFER & ENCOUNTER OF ALL COSTS OF 65 ACRES OF LAND FROM PBC								
		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								
A	FERGUSON, Randy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X		ABSTAIN		ABSTAIN		X		X		X								
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
P	IHRKE, Cindy		X			X		X		X		X		X		X								
P	KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
A	KING, Lesley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
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		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED								
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Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	VALIDATION OF AN IRAP CONTRACT																						
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO							
A	MAY, Gene	-	-																					
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie		X																					
A	FERGUSON, Randy	-	-																					
P	NIEWOLD, Greg		X																					
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-																					
P	NUSS, Tim	X																						
P	McQUINN, Tom	X																						
P	IHRKE, Cindy	X																						
P	KERBER, Garrett	X																						
A	KING, Lesley	-	-																					
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)		X																					
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)		X																					
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