

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 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, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Cindy Ihrke, Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn and Chairman Chase McCall. Mr. Niewold, Mrs. Mussman, Mr. Kerber, and Mrs. King were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to approve the County Board Minutes from May 12, 2025 and Special County Board Meeting minutes from May 15, 2025. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Monte A. updated the board that as of July 1, 2025 Ford, Iroquois & Livingston County's will be on their own as far as transportation for the public. He then explained what he does as far as public transportation in Livingston Co.
- Rachel M. and Jenny S. spoke briefly on what the U of I Extension provides for Ford County

I. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

- EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.

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. K. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 46 (Re-Appt of Ron Bork to the Ford Co. Bd. of Review)**. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Ayes - 5, Nay - 3)
(Nays - Nuss McQuinn & Ihrke)

- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 47 (Ratifying the Sale of 650 E. State St., Paxton, IL. By the Public Health Dept.)**. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 48 & 25 - 49 (Re-Appt of Ronald Shapland & Thomas Townsend to Public Bldg. Commission)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

II. FARM COMMITTEE:

- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 50 (Ratifying an Agreement with US Fish & Wildlife dated Oct. 5, 2023)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. C. Ihrke made an amended motion to **allow Farm Committee Chairman Greg Niewold to work with the FSA Office to Specifically & Correctly show production ground & non-production ground on Ford County Farm #2944 (County Farm #3).** Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all ARPA claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

- Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it.
- Mrs. C. Ihrke made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 51 (A Contract Bond for Drummer Road Dist.).** Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mrs. C. Ihrke briefly discussed issues with the tenant on Ford Co. Farms #2 & #3 that has been brought to the Highway Committee from the Button Twp. Highway Commissioner. Pictures were shared with the board.

V. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mr. McQuinn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 52 (Ford Co. Employee Health Insurance for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Abstain - 1)
(Abstain - May)

VI. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 53 (Intergovernmental Agreement between State of IL. Emergency Mgmt. Agency Off. of Homeland Sec. & Ford Co. EMA).** Mr. C. Vaughn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:

VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes.** Mrs. K. Vaughn 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 June 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in Paxton at the Fire station.
- III. CIRMA McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE
- IV. ECCA NUSS
- 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
- IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION McCALL/C. VAUGHN
- X. UNION AFFAIRS McCALL/McQUINN
- XI. WIA McCALL/NIEWOLD

M. OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Ferguson briefly discussed that the county board & Public Bldg. Comm. needs to start planning for a possible expansion for the Courthouse offices. Public Bldg. Commission Chairman Tom McQuinn stated this has been discussed many times at their meetings.

N. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. C. Vaughn made an amended motion to accept a claim from MCS to add an additional hard drive to the EMA laptop for \$119.00. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson stated there will be a Veterans meeting June 16, 2025 from p.m. to p.m. at Goldwater Nursing Home.

O. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:58 P.M. Voice Vote - Carried
- State's Attorney Killian stated while he was out of office on May 30, 2025 at 9:00 pm his Secretary Erika and 2 Sheriff Dept. employees helped from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am to administer an order of protection. Erika stated that State's Attorney Killian was also involved even though he was out of office.

P. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Johnson

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: _____

FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING																	June 9, 2025							
Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RE-APPT OF RON BORK TO FORD CO BD OF REVIEW		FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ARPA CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 51 CONTRACT BOND FOR DRUMMER RD. DIST.		RES 25 - 52 FORD CO. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS JUL 1 25 TO JUN 30 26		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		RES 25 - 53 INTGV AGRMNT BET STATE OF IL, EMER MGT OFF OF HOMELAND & EMA								
		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		X		X								
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X								
A	NIEWOLD, Greg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
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		X								
A	KERBER, Garrett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
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								
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P	MAY, Gene	X																						
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X																						
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X																						
A	NIEWOLD, Greg	-	-																					
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-	-																					
P	NUSS, Tim	X																						
P	McQUINN, Tom	X																						
P	IHRKE, Cindy	X																						
A	KERBER, Garrett	-	-																					
A	KING, Lesley	-	-																					
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X																						
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X																						
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