

UPCOMING MEETINGS

for the FORD COUNTY BOARD

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4:30 P.M. Executive Committee Meeting – Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

7:00 A.M. Highway Committee Meeting – Highway Department in Roberts

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

9:00 A.M. Sheriff Committee Meeting – Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail

Friday, July 11, 2025

10:00 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting – Small Courtroom in the Courthouse

Monday, July 14, 2025

6:00 P.M. County Board Meeting – Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail



Notes:

Don't Forget:

- Courthouse closed Thursday, June 19, 2025 for Juneteenth
- Courthouse closed Friday, July 4, 2025 for Independence Day



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF
OFFICIAL FEES AND EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED**

To the Chairman of the County Board of Ford County:

I, **AMY FREDERICK**, County Clerk in and for the County of Ford and the State of Illinois, respectfully present the following report of all fees and emoluments of my office, from **01 December 2024 to 31 May 2025** wherein I state the gross amount of all fees or emoluments.

NATURE OF SERVICES

CLERK & RECORDER REVENUE:

For Recording Fees	\$28,693.00
For Certified Copies of Vital Records	\$11,675.00
For Miscellaneous	\$4,763.00
For County Revenue Stamps (1/3)	\$17,363.25
For Clerk Tax Fees	\$6,794.00
For Rental Housing Surcharge County (RHSP)	\$ 655.00

SUB TOTAL	<u>\$69,943.25</u>
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CLERK & RECORDER DEDICATED FUNDS:

For Auto Recording Fees	\$35,537.98
For Auto Vital Fees	\$4,645.04

SUB TOTAL	<u>\$40,183.02</u>
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FUNDS TO THE STATE, ASSESSMENT OFFICE & TAX BUYERS:

For GIS System Account (SOA)	\$27,805.00
Domestic Violence Fund (DVF)	\$145.00
For Rental Housing (RHSP)	\$20,160.00
Revenue Stamp Fund (State)	\$34,596.50
For Death Certificate Surcharge (DSC)	\$2,760.00
For Delinquent Tax Redemption (TAX BUYERS)	\$223,272.07

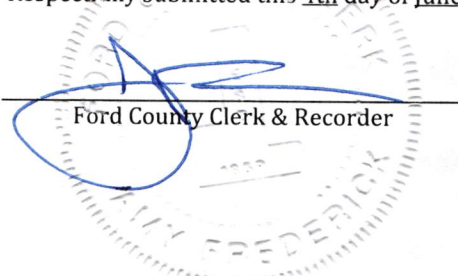
SUB TOTAL	<u>\$308,738.57</u>
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TOTAL	<u>\$418,864.84</u>
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF FORD)

I, **AMY FREDERICK**, do solemnly swear that the foregoing account is in all respects just and true according to my best knowledge and belief, and that I have neither received directly or indirectly nor directly or indirectly agreed to receive or be paid for my own or another's benefit, any money, article or consideration that therein stated, nor am I entitled to any fee or emolument for the period therein mentioned, other than those specified.


Respectfully submitted this 4th day of June, 2025.



Ford County Clerk & Recorder

Notary Public, State of Illinois
Official Seal
Mary Christine Niemann
Commission # 989495
My Commission Expires 4/15/2028

Signed and Sworn to me, this 4th day of June, 2025.



Notary Public

COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE

To the Chairman of the County Board of Ford County:

I, Amy Frederick, County Clerk and Recorder, in and for the County of Ford and State of Illinois, respectfully present the following report of all the fees and emoluments of my office, for the month of **MAY 2025** and during the month where I state the gross amount of all fees.

COUNTY CLERK

REVENUE FOR THE MONTH	RECORDING FEES	VITAL RECORDS	MISC FEES	COUNTY TAX STAMPS 1/3	TAX CLERK FEES	RENTAL HOUSING SURCHARGE (RHSP)	COUNTY CLERK REVENUE	DEDICATED FUNDS AUTO REC. FEE (RSSA)	DEDICATED FUNDS AUTO VITAL FEE (VRSSA)	GIS	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND (DVF)	RENTAL HOUSING SURCHARGE (RHSP)	REVENUE STAMP FUND STATE	DEATH SURCHARGE (DSC)	DELINQUENT TAXES COLLECTED
Dec-24	4,865.00	1,379.00	772.75	5,139.00	602.00	190.00	12,947.75	6,900.65	336.00	5,000.00	35.00	3,420.00	10,278.00	432.00	15,297.69
Jan-25	4,184.00	1,963.00	353.00	2,027.25	2,150.00	83.00	10,760.25	5,369.17	1,921.68	4,008.00	10.00	2,988.00	4,054.50	292.00	73,078.28
Feb-25	3,928.00	1,703.00	338.25	2,091.00	1,290.00	75.00	9,425.25	4,734.65	913.36	3,769.00	5.00	2,700.00	4,052.00	440.00	49,011.73
Mar-25	5,272.00	2,635.00	1,255.00	2,533.75	1,204.00	104.00	13,003.75	6,042.73	622.00	5,064.00	15.00	3,744.00	5,067.50	716.00	30,543.98
Apr-25	5,980.00	1,969.00	1,100.00	3,631.25	946.00	116.00	13,742.25	6,451.81	396.00	5,738.00	20.00	4,176.00	7,262.50	356.00	30,924.14
May-25	4,464.00	2,026.00	944.00	1,941.00	602.00	87.00	10,064.00	6,038.97	456.00	4,226.00	60.00	3,132.00	3,882.00	524.00	24,416.25
Jun-25							0.00								
Jul-25							0.00								
Aug-25							0.00								
Sep-25							0.00								
Oct-25							0.00								
Nov-25							0.00								
MID-YEAR	28,693.00	11,675.00	4,763.00	17,363.25	6,794.00	655.00	69,943.25	35,537.98	4,645.04	27,805.00	145.00	20,160.00	34,596.50	2,760.00	223,272.07
TOTAL	28,693.00	11,675.00	4,763.00	17,363.25	6,794.00	655.00	69,943.25	35,537.98	4,645.04	27,805.00	145.00	20,160.00	34,596.50	2,760.00	223,272.07

43.71% = Percent of estimated revenue generated for year to date.

Total Estimated Revenue = \$ 160,000.00

Actual Office Revenue =

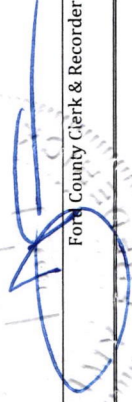
\$ 69,943.25

Dedicated Funds = \$ 40,183.02
 Supervisor of Assessments = \$ 27,805.00
 State & Tax Buyers = \$280,933.57
Total Receipts = \$418,864.84

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
 COUNTY OF FORD }

I, Amy Frederick, do solemnly swear that the foregoing account is in all respects just and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have neither received directly or indirectly nor directly or indirectly agreed to receive or be paid for my own or another's benefit, any money, article or consideration than therein stated, nor am I entitled to any fee or emolument for the period therein mentioned, other than those specified.

Submitted this 4th day of JUNE 2025.


 Amy Frederick
 County Clerk & Recorder

MONTH END REPORT
May 2025

TOTAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	11
TOTAL RESIDENT DEATHS	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENT DEATHS	
PAST INQUIRIES OR <u>INQUESTS PENDING</u>	0
1) NATURAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	11
2) UNDETERMINED DEATH	0
3) SUICIDE	0
4) HOMICIDE	0
5) ACCIDENTAL DEATH	0
5A) ACCIDENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEATH	0
5B) ACCIDENTAL DRUG OR ALCOHOL DEATH	0
AUTOPSIES	0
TOXICOLOGY	0
EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	0
HOSPICE CASES.....	
INQUESTS CONDUCTED	0
CREMATION PERMITS INVESTIGATED & ISSUED	4
NOTIFICATIONS FOR OTHER COUNTIES	0
ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION	0
INVESTIGATIONS RETURNED TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION	0
CREMATION PERMITS FEES RECEIVED	\$ 400.00
REPORT FEES	.00
<u>MISC. FEES (GRANTS)</u>	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 400.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Brandon Roderick, Ford County Coroner

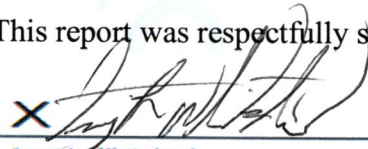


**FORD COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
200 W. State Street Room B-5
Paxton, IL 60957
Phone 217-379-9415**

Activity Report 01 May. 2025 – 30 May. 2025

01 May 2025	FCPHD Administrative Exercise Drill (Paxton) IEMA-OHS Monthly County Call (Virtual)
06 May 2025	Monthly Starcom Radio Drill (Paxton) Ford County Executive Committee (Paxton)
07 April 2025	Ford County Highway Committee Meeting (Roberts) Ford County Sheriff's Committee Meeting (Paxton) FCEMA Meeting (Paxton)
09 May 2025	Ford County Finance Committee (Paxton)
12 May 2025	Ford County Board Meeting (Paxton)
14 May 2025	East Central Illinois Community Action Health Fair (Paxton) Ford County EMA Training W/ IFSI Farm Safety & Farm Accidents (Paxton)
15-16 May 2025	Weather Related Response (Countywide)
22 May 2025	National Weather Service Outdoor Event Training (ILEAS)
23 May 2025	Community Preparedness Presentation w/ FCPHD & Sibley Fire (Sibley)
29 May 2025	Co-Host IDOT Traffic Control Flagger's Training w/ Paxton ERS (Paxton)

This report was respectfully submitted by:



Terrell Whitebird
Ford County EMA

Acronyms used in this Report

ERS – Emergency Response Services
FCEMA – Ford County Emergency Management Agency
FCPHD – Ford County Public Health Department
IDOT – Illinois Department of Transportation
IFSI – Illinois Fire Service Institute
ILEAS – Illinois Law Enforcement Alert System

Monthly Report to the Ford County Board
On Activities at the Highway Department
June, 2025

The Ford County Highway Department completed the following activities during the month of May, 2025.

Engineering Division

- Entered Claims and Allotments to various County and Township funds.
- Worked on Township MFT & Thawville Road Bridge Replacement.
- Inspecting Bridges in Ford & Iroquois Counties with Consultants. Ford County Snooper Inspections Completed.

Maintenance Division

- Performed Maintenance and Repair on County owned equipment.
- Replaced Damaged Traffic Control Signs.
- Replaced Rural Reference Signs in Rogers Township.
- Completed Flagger Certification.

County Engineer

- Reviewed Plans for Button Township Bridge Replacement.
- Bridge Work on Thawville Road (1900N) just East of IL 115, Waiting on Consultants Design to Fix Plan Error.
- Attended District County Engineers Meeting in Grundy County.

Ford County Highway Committee Minutes

The Ford County Highway Committee met on June 04, 2025 at the Ford County Highway Department in Roberts, Illinois.

Present at this regular scheduled meeting were Lesley King, Kelsie Vaughn and Cindy Ihrke. County Engineer Greg Perkinson was also present. Mrs. King called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Mrs. Vaughn moved to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Ihrke. Motion passed.

First on the agenda was the review of May 07, 2025 minutes. Mrs. Vaughn moved and Mrs. Ihrke seconded the motion that they be approved. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Mr. Ron Hilligoss, Button Township Road Commissioner, shared his knowledge and experience with the farming practices and drainage changes that have occurred on County Farms #2 and #3 over the last 30 plus years.

May bills were read and presented by Mr. Perkinson. Mrs. Ihrke moved and Mrs. Vaughn seconded the motion to send the bills to the full board. Motion passed.

The committee then reviewed the fund balance report and the highway appropriations and expenses report.

Old Business:

Mr. Perkinson informed the committee of the activities at the County Highway Department during the month of May and will provide a written report for the full board.

Discussed progress on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Public Transportation with Livingston and Iroquois Counties. The IGA has been completed.

New Business:

None

Next Meeting will be **Wednesday July 09, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.**

Resolutions:

Discussed contract bond from Gray's Material. Voice vote approved sending to full board for signature.

Having no further items to discuss, Mrs. Ihrke moved to adjourn at 8:55 am. Seconded by Mrs. Vaughn. Motion passed.

FORD COUNTY PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES

Stats for May 2025

MAY of 2025

ADULTS:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	67	Active	82
Misdemeanors	23	Warrants	148
DUI Cases	27	TOTAL	230
Traffic Cases	0		
TOTAL	117		

JUVENILES:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Probation	4	Active	0
Cont'd Supervision	0	Inactive	1
Informal	0	TOTAL	1
Other	0		
TOTAL	4		

PUBLIC SERVICE:

<u>Adults</u>		<u>Juveniles</u>	
Cases	69	Cases	1
Hours	7653	Hours	75
TOTAL CASES:	70		
TOTAL HOURS:	7728		

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE / DIVERSION:

Intakes this month	0
Cases reviewed this month	0
Active Conference/Diversion Cases	0 Restorative Justice / Juv. Diversion 2

INVESTIGATIONS:

PSI's ordered	3	PSI's completed	1
Record Checks completed	0		

INTAKES:

Adults:	7	Juveniles:	0
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ELECTRONIC MONITORING / GPS:

Adults:	0	Juveniles:	0
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CONTACTS FROM POLICE AND / OR CLIENTS AFTER HOURS:

Police	3	Clients	0
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HOME / SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH:

Home:	1	School	0
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RESTITUTION / COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED:

Restitution collected this month: \$396.15

Community Service collected:

Adults:	160	Juveniles:	0
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MAY 2024 (Same month last year)

ADULTS:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	72	Active	94
Misdemeanors	30	Warrants	145
DUI Cases	20	TOTAL	239
Traffic Cases	0		
TOTAL	122		

JUVENILES:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Probation	4	Active	0
Cont'd Supervision	0	Inactive	1
Informal	0	TOTAL	1
Other	0		
TOTAL	4		

PUBLIC SERVICE:

<u>Adults</u>		<u>Juveniles</u>	
Cases	63	Cases	1
Hours	7165	Hours	75
TOTAL CASES:	50		
TOTAL HOURS:	7240		

COMMUNITY MEETING ATTENDED THIS MONTH:

Ford County Board Meeting (outside regular hours) ROSC Meeting

Ford County Finance Meeting FC Executive Board Meeting (outside regular hours)

CMO Meeting

ROSC Subcommittee SART

TRAININGS / PRESENTATIONS COMPLETED DURING THIS MONTH:**TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED OUTSIDE MON. - FRI. 8:30 - 4:30: 14**

<u>OFFICER CASELOAD</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>PRE-TRIAL</u>
Jennifer Harrison	97	0	
Ariel Brucker	53	0	
Sarah Uden	15	0	
Mallory Lithgow	33	4	
Warrant Status	148	1	

INTAKES THIS MONTH:

<u>Adult:</u>		<u>Juvenile:</u>	
Felony Case	5	Probation	0
Misdemeanor	1	Cont'd Supervision	0
DUI Cases	2	Informal	0
Traffic Case	0	Other	0
TOTAL	8	TOTAL	0

CONFINEMENTS:

Juvenile Detention	1		
IDOC Commitments	4		
Group Home		Adults: 0	Juveniles: 0
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment:		Adults: 2	Juveniles: 1

ADULT PROGRAMS ORDERED THIS MONTH:**COMPLETED THIS MONTH:**

Alcohol / Substance Abuse Assessment	0	1
DUI Assessment	0	0
Alcohol / Substance Abuse Treatment	3	0
DUI Education / Treatment	0	0
Victim Impact Panel	2	1
Cognitive Classes	1	1
Anger / Domestic Abuse Classes	1	1
Mental Health	0	2
Sex Offender Treatment	3	1
Parenting Classes	0	0
Psychiatric / Psychological Assessment	0	0
Traffic School	0	0
GED	0	0

Office of
SHERIFF OF FORD COUNTY

Chad Johnson, Sheriff

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Paxton, Illinois 60957

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Fax: (217) 379-9489

**SHERIFF'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF
OFFICIAL FEES AND EMOULMENTS RECEIVED**

To the Chairman of the County Board of Ford County:

I Chad Johnson, Sheriff in and for the County of Ford and State of Illinois respectfully present the following report of all the fees and emoluments of my Office, for the period from December 01, 2024, to May 30, 2025, wherein I state the gross amount of all fees and emoluments by me earned by official services during said half year.

NATURE OF SERVICES

For Prisoner Boarding.....	\$262,616.00
For Sheriff's Contracts.....	\$ 51,905.25
For Inmate Phones.....	\$ 27,369.93
For Taser Grant	\$ 15,686.00
For Sheriff's Misc. Reimbursements.....	\$ 6,430.52
For Transport Reimbursement.....	\$ 5,759.20
For Work Release	\$ 4,338.00
For Civil Process.....	\$ 4,286.00
For Seized/Forfeiture Fund	\$ 3,240.00
For DUI Reinforcement Fund.....	\$ 1,510.00
For Sheriff's Sales	\$ 1,200.00
For Report Photocopies.....	\$ 275.00
For Arrestees Medical Fund.....	\$ 230.00
For Interest	\$ 3.84
Total Receipts.....	\$384,849.74

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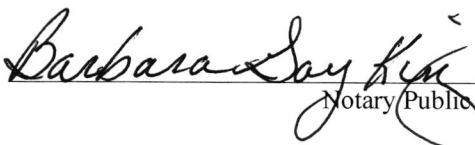
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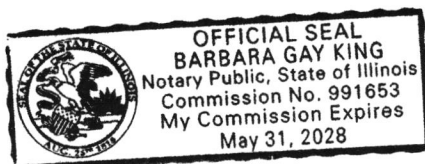
I, Chad Johnson, do solemnly swear that the foregoing account is, in all respects, just and true according to my best knowledge and belief, and that I have neither received directly or indirectly, or directly or indirectly agreed to receive or to be paid for my own or another's benefit, any other money, article or consideration that therein stated, nor am I entitled to any fee or emolument for the period therein mentioned, other than those therein specified.

Respectfully submitted this 02nd day of June 2025.


Sheriff

Signed and sworn to, before me, this 02nd day of June 2025.


Notary Public



**FORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MAY 2025
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT**

INCOME RECEIVED

\$47,804.00 – Boarding	\$1,200.00 – Sheriff Sales
\$ 6,380.00 – Misc. Reimbursements	\$ 552.00 – Work Release
\$ 5,873.70 – Inmate Phones	\$ 273.00 – Civil Process
\$ 4,166.67 – Contracts	\$ 20.00 – Reports
\$ 1,672.75 – Transports	\$ 3.84 – FY25 accrued Interest

TOTAL FOR THE MONTH

\$67,945.96

FY25 TOTAL TO DATE

\$384,849.74

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS- 14

WARNING CITATIONS-33

TRAFFIC CITATIONS-32

19 – Speeding	03 – No Valid Driver's License
05 – Suspended/Revoked Registration	01 – Reckless Driving
03 – Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle	01 – No Valid Registration

FIELD INCIDENT/COMPLAINT REPORTS

20 – Traffic complaint call-in	03 – Suspicious vehicle
16 – Other agencies assist	03 – Suicide threat
12 – Motorists assist	03 – Damage to property
13 – Civil/non-criminal complaint	02 – Juvenile complaint
11 – Animal complaint	02 – Trespassing
08 – Suspicious activity/person	02 – Property standby
07 – Security alarm checks	02 – Court Order Violation
06 – Business check	01 – Theft
06 – Domestic trouble	01 – Stolen vehicle
06 – E911 hang-up	01 – Phone Scam
06 – Harassment	01 – Missing person
04 – Welfare checks	01 – House check
04 – Road hazard	01 – Fraud
04 – Investigation follow-up	01 – Repossession
04 – Car in ditch	01 – Vandalism

CIVIL PROCESS ACTIVITY (SERVICES/ATTEMPTS)

Court Summons: 25/25 Warrants: 12

FORD COUNTY INMATES TOTAL FY25 MANDAYS TO DATE (4556)

Monthly Ford County Inmate Mandays: 832

Resolution 25-

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RON BORK TO THE FORD
COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW**

WHEREAS, 35 ILCS 200/6-5 governs the appointment of members to the Ford County Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Ford County Board of Review is responsible for reviewing assessments made by the Ford County Supervisor of Assessments, and;

WHEREAS, Debbie Smith was appointed to the Ford County Board of Review on November 18, 2024 with a term expiring on June 1, 2025 by Resolution 24-81.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ford County Board that Ron Bork of rural Piper City is hereby appointed to serve on the Ford County Board of Review effective immediately and for a term of two (2) years, expiring on June 9, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ford County Board this 9th day of June, 2025

Chase McCall

Chairman of the Ford County Board

Attest: **Amy Frederick**

Ford County Clerk & Recorder

**RESOLUTION 25 -
OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD RELATED TO AN APPOINTMENT
TO THE FORD COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Ford County Public Building Commission is governed by 50 ILCS 20/1 *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, 50 ILCS 20/5 governs the appointment of Commissioners to the Ford County Public Building Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Ford County Board Chairman re-appoints Ronald Shapland to serve as a Commissioner on the Ford County Public Building Commission to serve a 5 year term starting June of 2024; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORD COUNTY BOARD that Ronald Shapland is hereby re-appointed to the Ford County Public Building Commission to serve a 5 year term starting June of 2024, said term expiring June 2029.

Passed in open session this 9th day of June, 2025.

Chase McCall
Ford County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

**RESOLUTION 25 -
OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD RELATED TO AN APPOINTMENT
TO THE FORD COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Ford County Public Building Commission is governed by 50 ILCS 20/1 *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, 50 ILCS 20/5 governs the appointment of Commissioners to the Ford County Public Building Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Ford County Board Chairman re-appoints Thomas Townsend to serve as a Commissioner on the Ford County Public Building Commission to serve a 5 year term; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORD COUNTY BOARD that Thomas Townsend is hereby re-appointed to the Ford County Public Building Commission to serve a 5 year term, said term expiring June 2030.

Passed in open session this 9th day of June, 2025.

Chase McCall
Ford County Board Chairman

ATTEST: Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 25-

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE OCTOBER 5, 2023 AMENDMENTS TO
RESOLUTION 23-32 – PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM
AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board previously approved Resolution 23-32 on February 13, 2023, authorizing Ford County to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, with the purpose of enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats on county-owned or managed lands; and

WHEREAS, subsequent discussions between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ford County officials resulted in proposed amendments to the original agreement to clarify implementation procedures, modify project timelines, and adjust funding allocations, as set forth in the October 5, 2023 amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board has reviewed the proposed October 5, 2023 amendments and finds them to be in the best interest of the County and consistent with the original goals of Resolution 23-32;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Ford County, Illinois, that:

1. The Ford County Board hereby ratifies and approves the amendments made in October 5, 2023 to the original Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Agreement approved under Resolution 23-32.
2. The Chairman of the County Board and any other appropriate County officials are authorized to take all necessary steps to implement the amended agreement, including the execution of any supplemental documents required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in accordance with Illinois law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ford County Board this 9th day of June, 2025

Chase McCall
Chairman of the Ford County Board

Attest: **Amy Frederick**
Ford County Clerk & Recorder



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Contract Bond

BOND NO. S052426

Local Public Agency Drummer Road District	County Ford	Street Name/Road Name	Section Number 25-04000-01-GM
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Bond information to be returned to Local Public Agency at 305 N Highway 54 Roberts IL 60962
Complete Address

We, Gray's Material Service 834 East Second Gilman, IL 60938
Contractor's Name and Address

a/an Partnership organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as PRINCIPAL, and
State

Employers Mutual Casualty Company PO Box 712 Des Moines IA 50306
Surety Name and Address

as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the above Local Public Agency (thereafter referred to as "LPA") in the penal sum of
Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Dollars & 00/100

Dollars (\$282,263.00) lawful money of the United States, to be paid to said LPA, the payment of which we bind ourselves,
successors and assigns jointly to pay to the LPA this sum under the conditions of this instrument.

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that the said Principal has entered into a written contract with the LPA acting through its awarding authority for the construction of work on the above sections, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, as if written herein at length, and whereby the said Principal has promised and agreed to perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work and has further agreed to pay all direct and indirect damages to any person, firm, company or corporation to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company or corporation for the recovery of any such money.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall perform said work in accordance with the terms of said contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in said contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages, direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of the performance thereof and until the said work shall have been accepted, and shall hold the LPA and its awarding authority harmless on account of any such damages and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions and requirements of said contract, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said PRINCIPAL and the said SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective agents this 6th day of May 2025
Day Month and Year

PRINCIPAL

Company Name
Gray's Material Service

By
Signature & Date
Kyle 5-6-25

Attest
Signature & Date
Heather Wick 5-6-25

Company Name
Grays Material Service

By
Signature & Date
[Signature] 5/6/25

Attest
Signature & Date
Heather Wick 5/6/25

(If PRINCIPAL is a joint venture of two or more contractors, the company names and authorized signature of each contractor must be affixed.)

STATE OF IL
COUNTY OF Illinois

I, Catherine L Ater, a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
Notary Name

Aron Wagner and Kyle Gray

Insert name of Individuals signing on behalf of PRINCIPAL

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of PRINCIPAL, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 6th day of May 2025
Day Month, Year



Notary Public Signature & Date

Catherine L Ater
5-6-25

Date commission expires 5-7-27

SURETY

Name of Surety

Employers Mutual Casualty Company

Title

Attorney-in-Fact

By:

STATE OF IL
COUNTY OF MACON

I, Catherine L Ater, a Notary Public in and for said county, do hereby certify that
Notary Name

James D Morgason

Insert name of Individuals signing on behalf of SURETY

who is/are each personally known to me to be the same person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument on behalf of SURETY, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged respectively, that he/she/they signed and delivered said instrument freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 6th day of May 2025
Day Month, Year



Notary Public Signature & Date

Catherine L Ater
5-6-25

Date commission expires 5-7-27

Approved this ____ day of ____
Day Month, Year

Attest:

Local Public Agency Clerk Signature & Date

Village County
Local Public Agency Type

Clerk

Awarding Authority

Village President County Board

Awarding Authority Signature & Date

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that:

1. Employers Mutual Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation
2. EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
3. Union Insurance Company of Providence, an Iowa Corporation

4. Illinois EMCASCO Insurance Company, an Iowa Corporation
5. Dakota Fire Insurance Company, a North Dakota Corporation
6. EMC Property & Casualty Company, an Iowa Corporation

hereinafter referred to severally as "Company" and collectively as "Companies", each does, by these presents, make, constitute and appoint:

James D Morgason

its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority conferred to sign, seal, and execute the following Surety Bond(s):

Surety Bond Principal:
Number GRAY'S MATERIAL SERVICE

Obligee:
Ford County

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and to bind each Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of each such Company, and all of the acts of said attorney pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

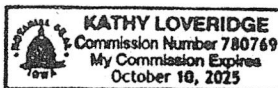
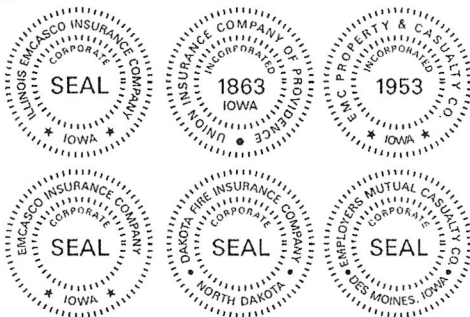
AUTHORITY FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

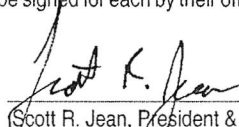
This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by the authority of the following resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each company duly called and held in 1999:

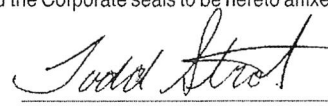
RESOLVED: The President and Chief Executive Officer, any Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall have power and authority to (1) appoint attorneys-in-fact and authorize them to execute on behalf of each Company and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; and (2) to remove any such attorney-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to him or her. Attorneys-in-fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the power-of-attorney issued to them, to execute and deliver on behalf of the Company, and to attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such attorney-in-fact shall be fully and in all respects binding upon the Company. Certification as to the validity of any power-of-attorney authorized herein made by an officer of Employers Mutual Casualty Company shall be fully and in all respects binding upon this Company. The facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of such officer, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power-of-attorney of the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed for each by their officers as shown, and the Corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 22nd day of September, 2022.

Seals




Scott R. Jean, President & CEO
of Company 1; Chairman, President
& CEO of Companies 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6


Todd Strother, Executive Vice President
Chief Legal Officer & Secretary of
Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

On this 22nd day of September, 2022 before me a Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa, personally appeared Scott R. Jean and Todd Strother, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are, and are known to me to be the CEO, Chairman, President, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and/or Secretary, respectively, of each of the Companies above; that the seals affixed to this instrument are the seals of said corporations; that said instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of each of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors; and that the said Scott R. Jean and Todd Strother, as such officers, acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be their voluntary act and deed, and the voluntary act and deed of each of the Companies.

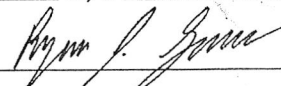
My Commission Expires October 10, 2025.


Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

CERTIFICATE

I, Ryan J. Springer, Vice President of the Companies, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, and this Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto on 22nd day of September, 2022, are true and correct and are still in full force and effect.

In Testimony Whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the facsimile seal of each Company this 6th day of May, 2025.


Vice President



IEMA-OHS

ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AND OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JB Pritzker
Governor

Adnan G. Khayyat
Interim Director

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT ADJUSTMENT NOTICE
BETWEEN
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY-
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND
County of Ford
23EMAFORD – GAN #1**

Changes/Additions in *italic type*:

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (Grantor), with its principal office at 2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703, and County of Ford(Grantee), with its principal office 200 West State Street RM B5, Paxton, IL 60957-1179, hereby enter into this Intergovernmental Grant Agreement (Agreement). Grantor and Grantee are collectively referred to herein as "Parties" or individually as a "Party."

**ARTICLE I
AWARD AND GRANTEE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION**

1.2. Amount of Agreement. Grant Funds shall not exceed \$23,745.94 of which \$11,872.97 are federal funds (IEMA-OHS's share shall not exceed \$11,872.97)

1.6 Signatures. In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

**Illinois Emergency Management Agency,
Office of Homeland Security**

County of Ford

By: _____
Adnan G. Khayyat, Interim Director

By: _____
Chase McCall, County Board Chairperson

Date: _____

Date: _____

23EMAFORD (Decrease and close grant by \$4,362.67)

Ford County Farm Committee Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2025 in the Sheriff's Boardroom in the Ford County Jail

Call to Order: Mr. Niewold called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Roll Call: Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber, Tom McQuinn, Sarah Mussman, and Greg Niewold - Present. Others present: Kendall Deesburg and Nick Purcell

Public Comment: Kendall Deesburg commented on his desire to see the IRAP agreement move forward, and that the 30 acres pasture area is limiting to involvement and may not be large enough for enrollment if the committee and board choose to move forward with the program.

Old Business:

- 1) Discussion was held regarding the CRP operating agreement. Mr. Niewold stated that he and Mr. Killian have been working on it, and that several factors that need research have come up, such as but not limited to contract length of CRP, as well as what is allowed/not allowed (ie hunting). Mrs. Ihrke reminded the committee in her opinion this is not an exclusive agreement but open for public use and she believes there is a state statute that the county is not liable for issues arising on 'public ground.' Mr. McQuinn stated the operator would be #1 for insurance and Ford County would be #2 for any liability if it arose. No action taken.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion was held regarding payment of the land deeds for all 3 farms as well as the 65 acres being transferred from the FC Public Building Commission to FC. Mr. Niewold informed the committee that State's Attorney Killians budget will be covering these costs after a conversation he and Mr. Killian had. No action taken.
- 2) Mrs. Mussman made the motion to ratify the October 5, 2023 amended US Fish and Wildlife agreement, Mr. McQuinn 2nd. After a brief discussion the motion carried for full board approval at the next full county board meeting.
- 3) Discussion concerning the IDNR IRAP program took place, with Mr. Niewold following up with IDNR on minimum acres allowed for sign-up, as well as specifics on liability insurance under the program, as well as understanding of specifically who is "neither party" in section #13 of an IRAP agreement. No action taken.
- 4) Mr. Niewold moved, and Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion to allow Mr. Niewold to work with the FSA office to correctly show production ground and non-production ground on Farm #2944 (County Farm #3). After discussion clarifying these changes are for the enrolled US Fish and Wildlife acres as well as areas around a homestead in the SW corner of the farm the motion carried and moves to the full board for approval at the next full county board meeting.
- 5) Mr. Niewold moved and Mr. Kerber seconded a motion to seek bids for tree removal, hedgerow removal/stripping, and root raking on County Farm #3 at the conclusion of the current 2025 crop year. After lengthy discussion Mr. Niewold rescinded his motion. Mrs. Ihrke stated she would like to see a conservation plan created for the farm and/or county, and also receive 'approval' from FSA that the hedge can be stripped on the East, North, and West property lines, and potentially removed from the county road to the pasture, while stripping the hedge that borders the west side of pasture ground, and feasibility of removing the scrub trees running east/west from the west property line to the pasture, as well as removal of all trees in waterways. Mr. Niewold will discuss with FSA and/or NRCS, and bring it for further conversation at a future meeting.

- 6) There was no discussion concerning seeking bids for waterway fixes, it was tabled until the preceding hedge/tree topic is answered as it has to occur first.
- 7) Discussion was had regarding the ability to modify Mr. Purcell's lease as the tillable/plantable acres are not in agreement with the FSA map and the US Fish and Wildlife program as well as a homestead on the SW corner of the property. Mr. Niewold will converse with Mr. Killian concerning the ability to modify the acres in the lease.

Safety Report - None

Adjournment - Mrs. Mussman made the motion, Mr. Kerber seconded. No discussion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm

Greg Niewold
Ford County Farm Committee Chairman

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in the Sheriff Boardroom of the jail. Chairman McCall called the meeting to Order at 4:30pm.

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

Executive Committee Members Carson Vaughn and Tim Nuss were not present.

Department Heads present: EMA Coordinator Terry Whitebird, SOA Pam Bruens

County Board members present: Cindy Ihrke, Tom McQuinn

Mr. Niewold made a motion to accept the Executive Committee Agenda as written. Mr. Ferguson 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, Mr. McCall and Mrs. Mussman updated the committee regarding ongoing work pertaining to a new multifunctional printer contract and/or outright purchase of new multifunctional printer equipment. Mrs. Mussman is waiting on Department Heads to provide usage reports and printer/copier/scanner requests by end of business Friday, June 6, 2025. Mrs. Mussman will then contact MCS, who is the county's IT provider under a managed service agreement, to quote equipment. If the quote is over \$35,000, then the Executive Committee will be legally required to bid out requested equipment. There was no further discussion and no official action taken.

Under New Business, Chairman McCall noted that SOA Pam Bruens sent communication recommending Debbie Smith be re-appointed to the Ford County Board of Review. Subsequent communication between Executive Committee members followed and a recommendation was made to also consider Ron Bork as a candidate for the Ford County Board of Review. Out of respect for the Democratic process, Chairman McCall allowed both candidates to be considered. The Executive Committee, along with County Board members present, provided input in favor of both Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bork. SOA Bruens noted she prefers a candidate that is a long-term solution. After fruitful discussion regarding the candidacy of both Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bork, Chairman McCall called for a motion. Mrs. Mussman made a motion to consider the appointment of Ron Bork to the Ford County Board of Review. Mr. Niewold seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote: Carried

Under New Business, Mr. Niewold made a motion ratifying the sale of 650 E. State St., Paxton, IL by the Ford County Public Health Department. Mrs. King seconded the motion. During discussion, Chairman McCall briefed the committee that the Public Health Department Board is in the process of selling the State St. property to Gibson Area Hospital. Attorneys involved in the sale of the property had recommended that the County Board ratify the sale by co-signing with the Public Health Department Board the transfer of deed as the County Board oversees the Public Health Department Board. There was no further discussion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Approval

Under New Business, Mr. Niewold made a motion to re-appoint Ronald Shapland and Thomas Townsend to the Ford County Public Building Commission. Mrs. Mussman seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Approval

There was no Safety Report

Mrs. King made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Chairman McCall adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 5:23pm.

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
SHERIFF & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

The Sheriff and Property Committee met in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Ferguson, and Mr. May. Also, in attendance was Sheriff Johnson, EMA Coordinator Whitebird and Clerk & Recorder Frederick. Coroner Roderick, Mrs. Mussman and Mr. Nuss were not present.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. May seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to that all submitted claims be recommended to the full board for payment. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

The committee briefly went through the Coroner's monthly report.

EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to pass onto the full board an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Emergency Management Agency Office of Homeland Security and the Ford County EMA. Mr. May seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

Sheriff Johnson briefly went through his monthly report. Stated they are getting ready for the Ford County Fair and that Sheriff and surrounding entities are looking into a faster way to retrieve information from evidence phones.

For Safety, Sheriff Johnson spoke briefly about court security and new door installations soon.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn. Mr. May seconded it.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

Voice Vote – Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder