

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn.

**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, Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber and Vice Chairman C. Vaughn. Chairman Chase McCall, Gene May and Lesley King were not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Johnson

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Vice Chairman C. Vaughn

**E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:**

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept the Agenda. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to approve the October 13, 2025 County Board Minutes. Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Glenn Miller with the Ford Co. Public Health Dept. spoke on upcoming events.

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

- EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report.
- SOA Bruens stated she would to request a review of her FY 2026 Budget and still no consideration of class increases for deputy as she completes classes.

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

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

Voice Vote - Carried

**K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**II. FARM COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Niewold stated they would be meeting soon.

**III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. Mussman moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

- There were no ARPA claims for approval.

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to discuss the FY 2026 Budget. Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it. After discussion, Mrs. Mussman made a motion to allow the FY 2026 Budget to lay for public review in the Clerk & Recorder's Office. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Ayes - 6, Nays - 3  
(Nays - Nuss, McQuinn & C. Ihrke)

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 73 (State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Agreement for 2026)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

#### **IV. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Nuss moved to approve all claims recommended from the Highway Committee. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 74 (Allowing Iroquois Co. Engineer to serve as Acting Ford Co. Engineer)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 75 (IDOT requesting consent to the appointment of an acting Co. Engineer BLR 02130)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 76 (IDOT appropriating funds for payment of County Engineer's salary BLR 09221)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss briefly discussed getting higher interest rates again for Highway funds.

#### **V. INSURANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

- Mrs. C. Ihrke stated Mrs. King will be calling a meeting soon.

#### **VI. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. C. Vaughn moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mr. Ferguson seconded. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. C. Vaughn made a motion to adopt a Resolution allowing EMA to receive donations. Mrs. Mussman seconded it. After discussion, due to the resolution being incomplete, the board asked Mr. Whitebird to re-submit the resolution at the December 8, 2025 County Board Meeting.
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 77 (Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Kempton)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 78 (Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Melvin)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 79 (Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Roberts)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 80 (Interagency Agreement Regarding Emergency Dispatching Communications and Other Services with City of Gibson)**. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 81 (Interagency Agreement Regarding Emergency Dispatching Communications and Other Services with Gibson Area Ambulance Services)**. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 82 (Interagency Agreement Regarding Emergency Dispatching Communications and Other Services with City of Paxton)**. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

#### **VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

### **VIII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

- Mr. Niewold 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 Nov. 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 they have met via zoom discussing the government shut down.**
- 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/NIWOLD
  - **Ken L. introduced himself as the new Ford Co. representative.**

### **M. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **N. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Niewold made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 83 (Amending the Watts Copy System Contract).**  
Mrs. Mussman seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to adopt a Resolution Setting FY 2026 County Board Meeting Schedule.  
Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded it. After discussion, Mr. Ferguson made a motion to amend Monday, October 12, 2025 to Tuesday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom and then to **adopt Resolution 25 - 84 (Setting FY 2026 County Board Meeting Schedule.** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Niewold made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 85 (Setting the Ford Co. Holiday Schedule for Dec. 2025 to December 2026).** Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 86 (Sale of a property for taxes - Cert. #20210128).**  
Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 87 (Sale of a property for taxes - Cert. #20210130).**  
Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 88 (Appt. of A. Maul to Sugar Creek Drng. Dist.).**  
Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 89 (Appt. of R. Zebarth to Wall Twp. Drng. Dist.).**  
Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 25 - 90 (Appt. of J. Ark to Pella & Brenton Drng. Dist.).**  
Mr. Kerber seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Nuss briefly discussed that ROSC has been working on a resource list for the community.
- The board discussed possibly holding a Special County Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

**O. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Niewold moved to adjourn; Mrs. K. Vaughn seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 7:17 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

**P. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Johnson

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**November 10, 2025**

ROLL CALL Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ALLOWING FY 2026 BUDGET TO LAY IN CLERK & RECORDER'S OFFICE		RES. 25 - 73 STATE'S ATT. APEL. PROS. AGRMNT. FY 2026		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES. 25 - 74 ALLOWING IROQ. CO. ENGINEER TO SERVE AS ACTING FORD CO. ENGINEER		RES. 25 - 75 IDOT REQUEST CONSENT TO APT OF ACTING FORD CO ENGINEER BLR 02130		RES. 25 - 76 IDOT APROP FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CO ENGINEER SAL BLR 09221		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		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X		X		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	
P	IHRKE, Cindy	X		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	
A	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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ROLL CALL Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	RES. 25 - 83 AMEND WATTS COPIER CONTRACT		RES. 25 - 86 SALE OF PROP FOR TAXES CERT #20210128		RES. 25 - 87 SALE OF PROP FOR TAXES CERT #20210130		RES. 25 - 76 IDOT APROP FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF CO ENGINEER SAL BLR 09221		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE	
		YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
A	MAY, Gene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	VAUGHN, Kelsie	X		X		X		X		X	
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X	
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X		X		X	
P	MUSSMAN, Sarah	X		X		X		X		X	
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X	
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X	
P	IHRKE, Cindy	X		X		X		X		X	
P	KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X		X		X	
A	KING, Lesley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	X		X		X		X		X	
A	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED		PASSED	
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