

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 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, Randy Ferguson, Greg Niewold, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Garrett Kerber, Lesley King and Chairman Chase McCall.  
Kelsie Vaughn, Sarah Mussman, Cindy Ihrke and Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn were not present.

## **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Johnson

## **D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Chairman Chase McCall.

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

- Mr. Nuss made the motion to accept the Agenda. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. Niewold made the motion to approve the November 26, 2025 Special County Board Minutes. Mrs. King seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Anthony G. spoke to the board on bitcoin and silver.

## **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. Kerber made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## **K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 01 (Allowing Probation to destroy certain records)**.  
Mr. Niewold seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. King made a motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 02 (Appt. of D. Dunahee to Big Four Drng. Dist.)**.  
Mr. Kerber seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. King made a motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 03 (Appt. of D. Punke to Big Four Drng. Dist.)**.  
Mr. Kerber seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

- Mrs. King made a motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 04 (Appt. of M. Brown to Sibley Drng. Dist.)**.  
Mr. Kerber seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

### **II. FARM COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Niewold went through the Ford Co. farms harvest reports and stated they would be meeting soon.

### **III. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve all Finance claims recommended from the Finance Committee** for approval.  
Mr. Kerber seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- There were no ARPA claims for approval.
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to adopt the FY 2026 Levy. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. After discussion, Mr. Nuss made a motion to amend the levy by adding original Highway Funds figured. Mrs. King seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 05 (Amended FY 2026 Levy)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.  
Roll Call - Ayes - 7, Nay - 1  
(Nay - King)

### **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 the motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 06 (Interagency Agreement between Iroquois Hwy. Dept. and Ford Co. Hwy. Dept.)**. Mr. Kerber seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss gave great credit to Ford County Engineer Greg Perkinson and stated he is a great asset to the county.

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

- Mrs. King will be calling a meeting soon.

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

- Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims recommended in the Sheriff's Committee**. Mr. Ferguson seconded.  
Roll Call - Unanimous
- Mr. Nuss made a motion to adopt a Resolution allowing EMA to receive donations. Mrs. King seconded it. After discussion, due to the resolution still being incomplete, the board asked Mr. Whitebird to re-submit the resolution at the January 12, 2026 County Board Meeting.
- Mr. McQuinn made a motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 07 (Hazard Mitigation Plan for EMA)**.  
Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried
- Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 26 - 08 (Law Enforcement Contract with the Vill. of Elliott)**.  
Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

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

- Mr. Ferguson stated they will meet soon.

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

- Mr. Niewold moved to **approve all submitted committee meeting minutes**. Mr. Kerber 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 Dec. 10, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in Roberts at the Fire station.**
- III. CIRMA McCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE
- IV. ECCA NUSS
- **Mr. Nuss stated he will no longer be able to represent Ford Co. as of Dec. 31, 2025.**

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN

- Mr. Niewold stated the Hummingbird in Piper City received a grant and have made great plans for improvements.

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:**

**N. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Ferguson briefly discussed the Christmas party for employees to be held on Friday Dec. 12, 2025.
- Mr. Nuss discussed Ford Co. network panel via zoom.

**O. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 7:09 P.M.

Voice Vote - Carried

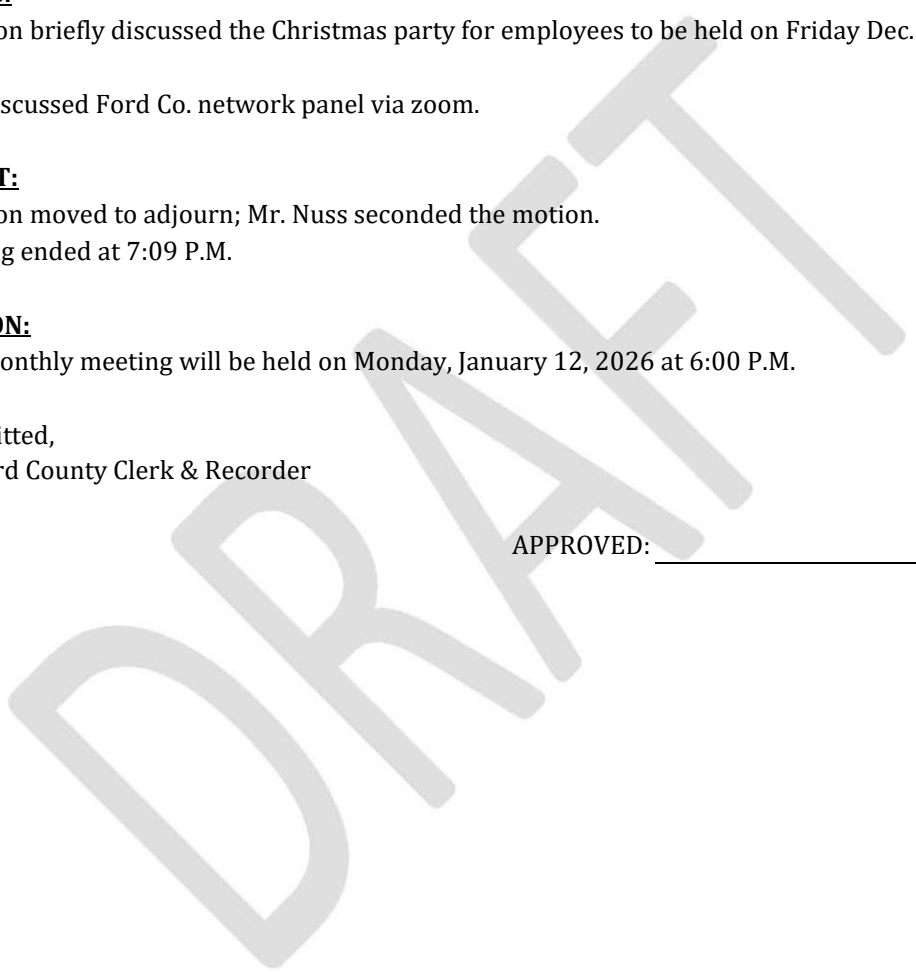
**P. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Sheriff Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, Ford County Clerk & Recorder

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



**FORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

**December 8, 2025**

ROLL CALL Present = P Absent = A	BOARD MEMBER	FINANCE CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN FINANCE COMMITTEE		ALLOWING AN AMENDMENT TO FY 2026 LEVY		RES. 26 - 05 ADOPTING AMENDED FY 2026 LEVY		HWY. CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN HIGHWAY COMMITTEE		RES 26 - 06 INTRGV BETWEEN IRO. CO HWY DEPT & FORD CO HWY DEPT.		SHERIFF CLAIMS RECOMMENDED IN SHERIFF COMMITTEE		YES		NO	
		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					
A	VAUGHN, Kelsie	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	FERGUSON, Randy	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	NIEWOLD, Greg	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	MUSSMAN, Sarah	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	NUSS, Tim	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	McQUINN, Tom	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	IHRKE, Cindy	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	KERBER, Garrett	X		X		X		X		X		X					
P	KING, Lesley	X		X		X		X		X		X					
A	VAUGHN, Carson (VC)	-		-		-		-		-		-					
P	McCALL, Chase (CHAIR)	X		X		X		X		X		X					
<b>RESULTS = PASSED OR FAILED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>		<b>PASSED</b>	
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COUNTY CLERK: AMY FREDERICK