

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Finance Committee met on Friday, January 9, 2026, in the small courtroom. Finance Chair Sarah Mussman called the meeting to Order at 10:01am.

Mussman administered roll call which showed the following committee members present: Randy Ferguson, Garrett Kerber, Sarah Mussman. Quorum was established.

Finance Committee Members Carson Vaughn and Greg Niewold were not present.

Department Heads present: Supervisor of Assessments Pam Bruens, Circuit Clerk Kasi Schawrz, Sheriff Chad Johnson, Deputy Dave Kaeding, and CMO Director Jennifer Harrison.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to accept the Finance Committee Agenda as written.

Mr. Kerber seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Voice Vote: Unanimous approval.

There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

The Finance Committee reviewed submitted Sherrif's Department claims presented. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to send the submitted claims for Sherrif's Department to the County Board for consideration. Mr. Kerber seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call.

Voting in the affirmative: Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Kerber, Chair Mussman.

Voting in dissent:

The Finance Committee reviewed submitted claims presented. Mr. Kerber made a motion to send the submitted claims and ARPA claims to the County Board for consideration. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call.

Voting in the affirmative: Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Kerber, Chair Mussman.

Voting in dissent:

Under New Business:

Res26 for setting per diem rates and mileage claim for 2026 was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to send to full board. Mr. Kerber seconded motion. Agreement between Ford County and Co & U of I Home Extension for FY2026 was discussed. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to send to full board. Mr. Kerber seconded motion.

There was no Safety Report.

Mr. Kerber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Mussman adjourned the Finance Committee meeting at 11:34am.