

UPCOMING MEETINGS

for the

FORD COUNTY BOARD

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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

Friday, March 6, 2026

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

Monday, March 9, 2026

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



Notes:

- The Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, February 12, 2026 for Lincoln’s Birthday.
- The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2026 for President’s Day.
- The General Primary Election is Tuesday, March 17, 2026.



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 **JANUARY, 2026** 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 COUNTY (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-25	5,855.00	1,125.00	411.00	5,689.25	2,666.00	114.50	15,860.75	260.00	260.00	5,570.00	15.00	4,122.00	11,378.50	272.00	110,197.25
Jan-26	4,260.00	2,108.00	723.00	4,551.50	860.00	79.00	12,581.50	2,181.44	2,181.44	4,056.00	40.00	2,844.00	9,103.00	744.00	35,765.67
Feb-26							0.00								
Mar-26							0.00								
Apr-26							0.00								
May-26							0.00								
Jun-26							0.00								
Jul-26							0.00								
Aug-26							0.00								
Sep-26							0.00								
Oct-26							0.00								
Nov-26							0.00								
MID-YEAR	10,115.00	3,233.00	1,134.00	10,240.75	3,526.00	193.50	28,442.25	12,371.29	2,441.44	9,626.00	55.00	6,966.00	20,481.50	1,016.00	145,962.92
TOTAL	10,115.00	3,233.00	1,134.00	10,240.75	3,526.00	193.50	28,442.25	12,371.29	2,441.44	9,626.00	55.00	6,966.00	20,481.50	1,016.00	145,962.92

17.78% = Percent of estimated revenue generated for year to date.

Total Estimated Revenue = \$ 140,000.00 Actual Office Revenue = \$ 28,442.25

Dedicated Funds = \$ 14,812.73
 Supervisor of Assessments = \$ 9,626.00
 State & Tax Buyers = \$ 174,481.42
Total Receipts = \$ 227,362.40

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 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 3rd day of FEBRUARY 2026.

 Ford County Clerk & Recorder

MONTH END REPORT
January 2026

TOTAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	16
TOTAL RESIDENT DEATHS	
TOTAL NON-RESIDENT DEATHS	
PAST INQUIRIES OR <u>INQUESTS PENDING</u>	0
1) NATURAL DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	16
2) UNDETERMINED DEATH	0
3) SUICIDE	
4) HOMICIDE	0
5) ACCIDENTAL DEATH	0
5A) ACCIDENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEATH	0
5B) ACCIDENTAL DRUG OR ALCOHOL DEATH	0
AUTOPSIES	2
TOXICOLOGY	2
EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS	0
HOSPICE CASES.....	
INQUESTS CONDUCTED	0
CREMATION PERMITS INVESTIGATED & ISSUED	7
NOTIFICATIONS FOR OTHER COUNTIES	0
ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION	0
INVESTIGATIONS RETURNED TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION	0
CREMATION PERMITS FEES RECEIVED	\$ 700.00
REPORT FEES	.00
MISC. FEES (GRANTS)	.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 700.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


Brandon Roderick, Ford County Coroner



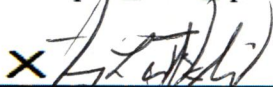
**FORD COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
200 W. State Street Room B-5
Paxton, IL 60957
Phone 217-379-9415**

Activity Report

01 January-31 January 2026

06 January 2026	Starcom Monthly Radio Drill (Paxton)
07 January 2026	Ford County Highway Committee meeting (Paxton) Ford County Sheriff Committee (No Quorum)
09 January 2026	Ford County Finance Committee IEMA-OHS County Call (Virtual) (Paxton)
12 January 2026	Ford County Board Meeting (Paxton)
14 January 2026	Ford County EMA Meeting (Paxton)
20 January 2026	AMEREN Community Relations
22 January 2026	Communication plaining meeting (Melvin)
24 January 2026	One Earth Energy Pipeline Emergency Training (Gibson City Fire)
28 January 2026	Assisted Paxton ERS with Sheltering for a person due to the cold.

This report was respectfully submitted by:



Terry L. Whitebird
Ford County EMA

Acronyms used in this report

FCPHD – Ford County Public Health Department
IEMA-OHS – Illinois Emergency Management Agency- office of Homeland Security
IESMA – Illinois Emergency Management Agency Office of Homeland Security
WX -WEATHER WATCH

Monthly Report to the Ford County Board
On Activities at the Highway Department
February, 2026

The Ford County Highway Department completed the following activities during the month of January, 2026.

Engineering Division

- Entered Claims and Allotments to various County and Township funds.
- Worked with Townships on 2026 MFT Program.
- Submitted Program on Township MFT to IDOT D3 for Review.
- Advertisement Preparation for Upcoming Bid Letting on February 26.
- Attended Township Commissioners' Meeting at the Highway Department.

Maintenance Division

- Performed Maintenance and Repair on County owned equipment.
- Replaced Damaged Traffic Control Signs.
- Snow Plowing Following Snowfalls and Drifting.

County Engineer

- Attended Bridge Inspection Class.
- Worked on Multi Year Plan for 2026 – 2030.
- Preconstruction Meeting for Clarence & Gallahue Road Bridges with Tobey's.

Ford County Highway Committee Minutes

The Ford County Highway Committee met on February 04, 2026 at the Ford County Highway Department in Roberts, Illinois.

Present at this regular scheduled meeting were Tim Nuss, Cindy Ihrke, and Kelsie Vaughn. County Engineer Alan Harwood and Technician Jeremy Putnam were also present. Mr. Nuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

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

First on the agenda was the review of January 07, 2026 minutes. Mr. Nuss moved and Mrs. Vaughn seconded the motion that they be approved. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Ron Hilligoss wanted it brought to the committee's attention that he is concerned that the County has outgrown the current facilities of the Highway Department. He stated the County needs to look into expanding and upgrading to a possible new location. He also asked if there might be any funding grants available for upgrading.

January bills were read and presented by Mr. Putnam. Mr. Nuss 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. Harwood informed the committee of the activities at the County Highway Department during the month of January and will provide a written report for the full board.

Discussed the County Transportation Agreement. Mr. Nuss updated committee of upcoming meeting on February 18th. Discussed the Portable Scales and more information is needed from Deputy Jason Buckner.

New Business:

Discussed security system quote which was tabled for now until more options can be presented.

Resolutions:

None

Next Meeting will be **Wednesday March 04, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.**

Having no further items to discuss, Mrs. Vaughn moved to adjourn at 8:24 am. Seconded by Mrs. Ihrke. Motion passed.

FORD COUNTY PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES

Stats for January 2026

January of 2026

ADULTS:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	56	Active	69
Misdemeanors	21	Warrants	149
DUI Cases	22	TOTAL	218
Traffic Cases	0		
TOTAL	99		

JUVENILES:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Probation	3	Active	0
Cont'd Supervision	0	Inactive	1
Informal	0	TOTAL	1
Other	0		
TOTAL	3		

PUBLIC SERVICE:

<u>Adults</u>		<u>Juveniles</u>	
Cases	63	Cases	2
Hours	7285	Hours	105
TOTAL CASES:	65		
TOTAL HOURS:	7390		

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE / DIVERSION:

Intakes this month 0
 Cases reviewed this month 0
 Active Conference/Diversion Cases 0 Restorative Justice / Diversion 1

INVESTIGATIONS:

PSI's ordered 4 PSI's completed 2
 Record Checks completed 0

INTAKES:

Adults: 4 Juveniles: 0

ELECTRONIC MONITORING / GPS:

Adults: 2 Juveniles: 0

CONTACTS FROM POLICE AND / OR CLIENTS AFTER HOURS:

Police 6 Clients 4

HOME / SCHOOL VISITS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTH:

Home: 11 School 0

RESTITUTION / COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPLETED:

Restitution collected this month 477.31

Community Service collected:

Adults: 50 Juveniles: 0

January 2025 (Same month last year)

ADULTS:

<u>Active Caseload</u>		<u>Administrative Cases</u>	
Felony Cases	68	Active	89
Misdemeanors	28	Warrants	142
DUI Cases	23	TOTAL	231
Traffic Cases	0		
TOTAL	119		

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	6465	Hours	75
TOTAL CASES:	64		
TOTAL HOURS:	6540		

VIOLATIONS:

Adult: 3 Juveniles: 0

COMMUNITY MEETING ATTENDED THIS MONTH:

Ford County Board Meeting (outside regular hours)
Ford County Finance Meeting FC Executive Board Meeting
ROSC Meeting ROSC Subcommittee SART
CMO Meeting

TRAININGS / PRESENTATIONS COMPLETED DURING THIS MONTH:

Structured Office Visit DUI Series NARCAN KnowB4 Security Awareness Social Engineering Red Flags

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED OUTSIDE MON. - FRI. 8:30 - 4:30: 26

<u>OFFICER CASELOAD</u>	<u>ADULTS</u>	<u>JUVENILES</u>	<u>PRETRIAL</u>
Jennifer Harrison	51	0	
Sarah Uden	32	0	
Ariel Brucker	34	0	
Mallory Lithgow	50	3	
Warrant Status	149	1	

INTAKES THIS MONTH:

<u>Adult:</u>		<u>Juvenile:</u>	
Felony Cases	3	Probation	0
Misdemeanors	0	Cont'd Supervision	0
DUI Cases	1	Informal	0
Traffic Cases	0	Other	0
TOTAL	4	TOTAL	0

CONFINEMENTS:

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

ADULT PROGRAMS ORDERED THIS MONTH:

COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

Alcohol / Substance Abuse Assessment	2	3
DUI Assessment	0	0
Alcohol / Substance Abuse Treatment	2	0
DUI Education / Treatment	0	0
Victim Impact Panel	1	1
Cognitive Classes	0	4
Anger / Domestic Abuse Classes	1	4
Mental Health	1	7
Sex Offender Treatment	0	1
Parenting Classes	0	0
Psychiatric / Psychological Assessment	0	0
Traffic School	0	0

**FORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JANUARY 2026
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT**

INCOME RECEIVED

\$35,904.00 – Boarding	\$1,464.40 – Transport Reimbursements
\$15,000.00 – MAR Program	\$ 780.98 – Civil Process
\$ 6,250.01 – Contracts	\$ 4.14 – Misc. Reimbursement
\$ 5,834.23 – Inmate Phones	

TOTAL FOR THE MONTH

\$65,237.76

FY25 TOTAL TO DATE

\$167,473.18

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS- 02

WARNING CITATIONS-33

TRAFFIC CITATIONS-36

07 – Suspended/Revoked DL	02 – Equipment Violation
07 – Speeding	01 – Reckless Driving
05 – Suspended/Revoked Registration	01 – Unlicensed Driver
04 – Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle	01 – DUI/Drugs
03 – DUI/Alcohol	01 – Expired Registration
02 – Lane Violation	01 – Driver's Unlawful use of Cannabis
	01 – Failed to notify SOS/address change

FIELD INCIDENT/COMPLAINT REPORTS

13 – Civil/non-criminal complaint	04 – Welfare Check
12 – Public Assists	03 – Fraud
12 – Investigation follow-ups	02 – Criminal Damage to Property
09 – Security Alarm	02 – Property Stand-by
09 – Suspicious Activity/Person	01 – Trespassing
08 – Car in ditch	01 – Theft
07 – Other agency assists	01 – Court Order Violation
06 – Suspicious Vehicle	01 – Missing Person
06 – Traffic complaint	01 – Lock out
04 – Animal complaint	01 – House check
04 – Domestic trouble	01 – Burglary
04 – E911 hang-up	01 – Bomb threat
04 – Harassment complaint	01 – Death Investigation

CIVIL PROCESS ACTIVITY (SERVICES/ATTEMPTS)

Court Summons: 14/26 Warrants: 14

FORD COUNTY INMATES TOTAL FY26 MANDAYS TO DATE (1430)

Monthly Ford County Inmate Mandays: 636



Extension

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

AGREEMENT

Between Ford County Board, (hereinafter, for brevity, termed "Grantor") and The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, a public corporation, acting through University of Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (hereinafter, for brevity, termed "University").

WHEREAS, University, under any by virtue of both state and federal legislation, is in charge of cooperative extension work carried on in the state of Illinois under the Smith-Lever Act and all amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, Grantor is vitally interested in said work being carried on in the University of Illinois Extension Unit at Ford County and the expansion thereof so as to meet the needs of citizens interested in said Unit; and

WHEREAS, Grantor, because of its interest, is willing to make a contribution to University to partially meet the cost of carrying on and expanding said work in said Unit:

THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between Grantor and University as follows:

1. For and during the period of twelve months beginning with July 1, 2025, and ending with June 30, 2026, Grantor will contribute to University for the carrying on of cooperative extension work by University in said Unit the sum of \$ 50,000 , to be paid by Grantor to University in Quarterly, Monthly, x Annual payments of \$ 50,000. All payments to be completed by June 30, 2026.

2. University hereby agrees to accept said contribution to the cost of conduction and carrying on said work in said Unit during said period of twelve months, and hereby agrees that it will expend in said Unit in carrying on such work during said period an amount at least equivalent to said sum paid it by Grantor.

3. University further agrees that during said period it will meet the cost of said work, which includes, but is not restricted to, salaries of its personnel, office space and facilities, secretarial help and transportation for such personnel needed to carry on the cooperative extension work in said Unit at least up to the extent local funds may be made available to the University through the extension Unit council.

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Extension

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

4. It is understood between Grantor and University that the said contribution to be made to University by Grantor will be used along with public and other funds available to University for carrying on said work in the state of Illinois during said twelve months' period, a portion of which will be allocated by University to carrying on said work in said Unit during said period.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 25

GRANTOR

Ford County Board
200 W. State
Paxton, IL 60957

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

Date

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Through University of Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Regional Director
University of Illinois Extension

Date

Director or Designee
University of Illinois Extension

Date

*Standard form approved by Legal Counsel 7/20/93

01/14/2025:hc

Resolution 26-

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STACY JOHNSON TO THE FORD COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board has the authority to make appointments to the Ford County Housing Authority Board in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board desires to make the following appointment to the Ford County Housing Authority Board to serve a five-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ford County Board, as follows:

1. **Appointment of Member:** The following individual is hereby appointed to serve as member of the Ford County Housing Authority Board for a term of five (5) years, effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution and expiring on February 9, 2031:
 - o **Stacy Johnson**
2. This appointment satisfies a current vacancy on the Ford County Housing Authority Board;
3. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
4. **Confirmation:** The Ford County Board recognizes that this appointment made in accordance with all applicable statutory and procedural requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ford County Board this 9th day of February, 2026.

Chase McCall

Chairman of the Ford County Board

Attest: **Amy Frederick**

Ford County Clerk & Recorder