

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY
SHERIFF & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**

The Sheriff and Property Committee met in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. Roll Call showed the following in attendance: Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Mussman and Mr. Nuss. Also, in attendance was EMA Coordinator Whitebird, Chief Deputy Kaeding, Sheriff Johnson and Clerk & Recorder Frederick. Mr. Vaughn, Mr. May and Coroner Roderick were not present.

Mr. Nuss made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion that all submitted claims be recommended to the full board for payment. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Sheriff Johnson went through his monthly report. He discussed he will need to replace 2 openings in the office soon, but he would like the new hires to be trained first by the outgoing employees. He then updated the committee on the boiler project. Sheriff also mentioned a correction officer will be graduating soon.

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

EMA Whitebird went through his monthly report. He then discussed wanting to hire a replacement deputy and possibly a second deputy. EMA Whitebird also discussed needing to destroy certain records. After discussion, the committee asked Mr. Whitebird to get resolutions together and permission from the State of Illinois (if needed) and get the paperwork to Clerk & Recorder Frederick to be considered in April 2026.

Sheriff Johnson discussed some outside projects he will need to start soon due to safety concerns.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried
Meeting adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder