

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026**

**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, MAY 11, 2026, at 6:06 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: Kelsie Vaughn, Greg Niewold, Sarah Mussman, Tim Nuss, Tom McQuinn, Cindy Ihrke, Garrett Kerber, Lesley King and Mr. May.

Mr. May, Mr. Ferguson and Vice Chairman Carson Vaughn were not present.

**C. PROCLAMATION:** Sheriff Johnson

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

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

- C. Ihrke made motion to amend agenda in Finance Committee # IV. to just DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF THE FORD COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK. Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote –Carried

-Amended Agenda approved C. Ihrke motion Mrs. King seconded.

Voice Vote – Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Mr. Kerber made the motion to approve May 5, 2026, Special County Board Minutes Mr. Nuss seconded

Voice Vote - Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- County Chair Chase McCall received a letter from Terry Whitebird stating he was retiring as of 5/11/2026 at 5pm. County wishes him well and thanks him for his service for the 6years. Chase McCall will be acting as the coordinator until we can fill that position per the Statue.

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Glenn with Ford Co. Public Health Dept. updated the board on monthly activities.

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

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

- C. Ihrke made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports. Mr. Kerber seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**K. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- Chairman Chase McCall stated the committee did not meet

**II. FARM COMMITTEE:**

- Motion to open sealed bids for Farm #2 and Farm #3 for the waterway and terrace maintenance. Mr. Niewold made motion to open sealed bids, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn  
Voice Vote- Carried

-Miles Excavating first bid at 8:45am 5/11/26 amount \$ 118,395.00

-Miles Excavating Seconded Bid at 8:45am 5/11/26 amount \$ 245,636.00

-Elevate Excavating LLC third bid at 2:10pm 5/11/26 amount \$91,560.00

Motion made to accept Miles Excavating bid #2 amount \$245,636.00. Motion by Mr. Nuss second by C. Ihrke.

Voice Vote-Carried

#### **UI. FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

- Approval of all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee Mrs. Mussman made the motion Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote- Carried

- C. Ihrke made motion to approve Board of Review bills on Month End second by Mrs. King  
Voice Vote- Carried

-Motion made by Mr. Nuss to approve Health Dept, EMA, and Probation Cell phone bill also on Month End second by C. Ihrke. Voice Vote - Carried

-Discussion/Possible Action on Resolution establishing Compensation of the Ford County Sheriff. Motion by Mrs. Mussman second by Mr. Nuss Voice Vote - Carried

- Discussion on Compensation of the Ford County Circuit Clerk, Motion made by Mr. Niewold second by Mr. Kerber Voice Vote – Carried; discussion was tables until new budget

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

- Mr. Nuss moved to approve all claims recommended by the Highway Committee. Mrs. King seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

- DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

AGREEMENT: **Mr. Nuss noted no agreement as of now still working on this**

-DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PORTABLE SCALES FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT- **noted Sheriff does have a deputy he will send for training**

-DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PETITION FOR AID FOR PATTON TOWNSHIP: motion made by C. Ihrke second by Mr. Nuss to pay \$29,016 for Culvert  
Voice Vote- Carried Nays -1 Niewold

-DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE: motion made by Mr. Nuss second by Mr. Niewold Voice Vote- Carried

-DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HEI AGREEMENT FOR DIX TOWNSHIP BRIDGE: motion made by Mr. Nuss second by C. Ihrke Voice Vote- Carried

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

-Discussion/Possible Action approving the amended Ford County Employee Handbook: Mrs. King motion to approve Employee handbook second by Mrs. Mussman Voice Vote- Carried

Mrs. King also let everyone know Insurance meeting will be set soon for talks about the renewal coming up.

**VI. SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE:**

- Approval of all claims reviewed in the Sheriff Committee, motion made by Mrs. Mussman Second by Mr. Nuss Voice Vote- Carried

**VII. ZONING COMMITTEE:**

- Chairman made aware that Zoning is working on Amending Solar Ambassador

**VII. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

- Chairman McCall stating the Finance Minutes are to be amended adding SOA in attendance and Comments; C. Ihrke moved to approve the Amended Finance minutes submitted Mrs. Mussman seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

-Motion by Mr. Nuss second by Mrs. Vaughn all other committee meeting minutes approved Voice Vote - Carried

**L. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:** = Chairman of that committee

I, 70B BOARD

II. 9-1-1 NUSS

- Mr. Nuss stated the next meeting will be May 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in Gibson City at the Fire station.

III. CIRMA MCCALL/C. VAUGHN/IHRKE

-Per Chairman received a dividend check for \$14,979.00

IV. ECCA MCCALL

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FERGUSON/NUSS/K. VAUGHN

VI. EXTENSION MUSSMAN

VII. FORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. MCCALL/NUSS

VIII. MOBILE REGION B SHERIFF JOHNSON /MCCALL

IX. REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION MCCALL/C. VAUGHN

- Meeting was May 4, 2026

X. UNION AFFAIRS MCCALL/MCQUINN

XI. WIA MCCALL/NIEWOLD

**M. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. King brought up Copiers in Court House lobby, Chairman Chase McCall let everyone know that MCS is scheduled to remove them in the week.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- There was no need to go into Executive Session.

**O. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion/Possible Action appointing Kelsie Vaughn as Ford County Clerk & Recorder Mr. Niewold made motion Mrs. Mussman second. Voice Vote - Carried

- Discussion/Possible Action declaring a vacancy for Ford County Board, District # 1 seat Mr. Niewold made motion Mrs. Mussman second. Voice Vote - Carried

-Discussion/Possible Action approving the appointment of P. Earing to Kempton Fire Protection District

Mr. Nuss made motion Mr. Niewold second. Voice Vote – Carried

-Discussion/Possible Action approving the disposal of certain records in Clerk & Recorder's Office

Mr. McQuinn made motion to Mrs. King Second. Voice Vote – Carried

Discussion/Possible Action accepting a resolution in support of the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit

Mr. Niewold made motion Mr. Kerber second. Voice Vote - Carried

**P. ADJOURNMENT.**

- Mr. Kerber moved to adjourn; Mr. May seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:32 P.M.

**Q. PROCLAMATION:**

- The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Niemann, Ford County Chief Deputy of the Clerk & Records Office

APPROVED:

Voice Vote - Carried

Sheriff Johnson