

**FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

The Finance Committee met on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the small courtroom at the Ford County Courthouse. Finance chair, Sarah Mussman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Clerk & Recorder, Kelsie Vaughn, administered roll call which showed the following committee members present: Randy Ferguson, Garrett Kerber, Greg Niewold, and Finance Chair Sarah Mussman. Committee member Tim Nuss was not present.

Department Heads present: Taylor Burnett, Jennifer Harrison. Ford County Board Chairman Chase McCall was also in attendance.

Mrs. Mussman made the motion to move new business to public comment to hear audit report from WIPFLI. Mr. Niewold seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote – Unanimous**

Public Comment/New Business: Josh with WIPFLI presented via teams meeting to review audit for FY25. The main concern with the audit was that Ford County holds several outside bank accounts. It was stated that many counties do this as well but it is presented as a red flag for audit purposes. Finance chair Mussman addressed an issue of Locis not communicating properly with WIPFLI. Josh stated that he will communicate this issue with a colleague who will reach out to the Treasurer and Clerk for rectification.

The Finance Committee reviewed the claims presented. Discussion: Mr. Niewold asked Treasurer Burnett what a sale in error pertained to – Treasurer Burnett explained. Mr. Niewold also addressed that seeing the payment to U of I extension he would like to put on the 2027 radar that he has yet to hear from Ginger answering questions regarding U of I extension although we make a payment of \$50,000 annually. Mrs. Mussman questioned the claim from iSolved payroll, which is for services rendered from WIPFLI – Ford County continues to pay WIPFLI monthly, but the county continues to have ongoing issues that have been not addressed by WIPFLI. Mr. Niewold made the motion to send the submitted claims to the county board for consideration with the exception of the iSolved/WIPFLI payroll claim until rectification. Mr. Kerber seconded the motion.

**Roll call – Unanimous**

Old business: Mrs. Mussman stated she unintentionally left the item regarding the salary of the Circuit Clerk off the Finance agenda. Mrs. Mussman states it will be on the July Finance agenda. The Circuit Clerk's salary is lower than every other department head while the goal is to have all department heads at the same pay.

Mr. Niewold stated he hopes that the Public Building Commission will have an open mind to all options when considering any expansion or courthouse addition. The question was asked if there was a list of reasons that the court was not up to code – it was stated that Judge would have that information.

Mr. Niewold asked for an explanation on the Petition for Aid that the Highway Department are now receiving from townships. Jeremy Putnam with the Highway Department explained that it is a paper trail for transparency. This was done in the past and statutorily should be completed. Mr. Putnam explained that aid has been given historically, it is not costing more money, and there is a form to be filled out for transparency purposes now.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Niewold seconded the motion. Finance chair Mussman adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelsie Vaughn  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder