

FORD COUNTY BOARD SPECIFICALLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Finance Committee met on **Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.**, in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

Chair Sarah Mussman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Roll call showed the following members present: Gene May, Carson Vaughn, and Chair Sarah Mussman. The following members were not present: Randy Ferguson and Greg Niewold. Others in attendance: Taylor Burnett, Jennifer Harrison, Sheriff Johnson, Chairman Chase McCall, Alex Bromberek, and Jerilynn Kuzmicki.

Mr. Vaughn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. May seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

The Finance Committee reviewed all submitted claims. Mr. May moved to send all submitted claims to the Ford County Board for consideration. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion.

Roll call – Unanimous

Under new business:

Mr. Vaughn moved to discuss/review the FY2027 preliminary budget. Mr. May seconded the motion. Discussion: The budget numbers have not changed since the last meeting. The Finance Committee is waiting for a levy amount from the Public Building Commission. Mrs. Mussman made a motion to send the proposed budget to the full County Board for consideration and to allow the budget to lie for the required period with the understanding that the budget may need to be amended to include the levy amount when provided by the Public Building Commission. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion.

Roll call – Unanimous

Mr. Vaughn made a motion to discuss/possible action on the FY2027 levy. Mr. May seconded the motion. Discussion: Levy numbers have not changed since the last meeting. Last year there was no IMRF, this year there will be an IMRF amount. There is a truth in taxation meeting scheduled if needed. Mrs. Mussman made the motion to send to the full board for consideration. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion.

Roll call – Unanimous

Mr. Vaughn made a motion for discussion/possible action approving a resolution for the use of Joseph E. Meyer and Associates for the surplus equity sales pursuant to Public Act 104-0553. Mr. May seconded the motion.

Discussion: Treasurer Taylor Burnett explained the Public Act and the benefits to the County of hiring Joseph E. Meyer which would prevent Ford County from having to have two separate tax sales. Mrs. Burnett also stated she will be at the County Board meeting to explain to the board. Mr. Vaughn moved to send the resolution to the full county board. Mr. May seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Unanimous

Under old business:

Mrs. Mussman discussed WIPFLI. Mrs. Mussman is agreeing to go forward with paying WIPFLI outstanding balances. Mrs. Mussman and Dominic Brackenhoff worked in the WIPFLI system and were able to figure out the issues. At this point, WIPFLI corrections have been made and WIPFLI will be paid in full.

Payroll update: Still a work in progress. Locis will come in and help reconcile once the Locis system is updated to Locis8.

Mr. Vaughn moved to adjourn. Mr. May seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 9:46 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelsie Vaughn
Ford County Clerk & Recorder