

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

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 Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Pat Haskins, Randy Ferguson, Mr. Hewerdine, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen. Mr. May arrived at 9:11 a.m.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Bowen

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the January 9, 2012 minutes be approved. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Jason Barickman, candidate for Senate, introduced himself and spoke of the plans he has if elected as State Senator.

Cindy Ihrke asked about the proposed resolution for adding a new fund for the highway. She also handed out booklets which contained information about wind farms.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Berger moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMA, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris was absent.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that she has sent out jury notices for April. She reported that the skype system is working out great.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She reported that the Ford County lease payments are due on or before March 1. Mobile Home tax payments will be mailed out March 2. The audit has been completed and went very well.

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen said that he had received an e-mail asking if it was ok to hire outside of the county. After discussion, it was decided that people may be hired that live outside of the county.

Mr. Bowen had attended a meeting in regard to the Gibson City Derailment. He said that the outcome of the derailment was reasonably good. He also reported that the Probation Department has moved back into the remodeled Court House basement.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.**
Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to **adopt Resolution 12-11 (adding new fund (WECS) for the Highway)**, after discussion was held in regard to the necessity of the fund. The fund was created in July at the request of Mr. Perkinson. The auditor said that the fund needed a resolution to be legally created.
Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call - 11 yeas; 1 nay;
(Mr. Nuss voted nay)

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolution 12-12 (allowing the county clerk to hire deputy clerk).**
Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call - 11 yeas; 1 abstention;
(Mr. May abstained)

4. Insurance/Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call - 11 yeas; 1 abstention;
(Mr. May abstained)

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve the Interagency Agreements with the Gibson Hospital, with the City of Gibson and with the City of Paxton.** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to **approve the payment of \$341.48 for the 9-1-1 computer.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Otto seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8

2. Union Affairs

Next meeting is Feb. 18

3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority

Sheriff Doran

Mrs. Haskins

Mrs. Stagen

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| 4. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| 5. WIA | Mr. Bowen |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| 7. Regional Office of Education | Mr. Bowen |
| Reviewed grants. Over ½ of the grants have been cut | |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation | Mr. Ferguson |
| 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. Johnson |
| Paid bills and discussed purchasing new 9-1-1 computer. | |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 11. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| Zoning maps are being digitized on the GIS system at a cost of \$3,600 coming out of GIS fund | |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension | Mr. Johnson |
| 14. E.M. A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nuss said that some of the Ford County residents have expressed concerns that some County Board meetings need to be held on Saturday mornings.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:20 A.M..

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____