

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**October 10, 2011**

**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, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.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, Pat Haskins, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman Bowen

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Floyd Otto

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the September 12, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

**F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMS, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

**I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Mrs. Morris was not in attendance.

**J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans reported that jury starts tomorrow. The new skype system for the order of protection is up and running.

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Hastings reported that our revenue is at \$1,271,292.98. The second distribution is done. The tax sale will be held on Wednesday, October 19. Ten tax buyers have signed up.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

**L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

**M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen thanked the department heads and board members for helping the budget process to go so smoothly. Mrs. Haskins received a letter in regard to closing the Sibley post office. All of their mail would be processed at Forrest, which would not be such a great idea. A Town meeting will be held at the Sibley Township Hall on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. She urged the board members to attend.

**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

Mrs. Stagen moved to present the 2011-12 proposed budget to the board, to be voted on at the next month's board meeting. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt Resolution 11-60(to adopt Resolution to authorize the Chairman to dispose of the County's interest on property 01-01-16-105-002)

Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

**3. Highway**

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

**4. Insurance/Personnel**

**5. Overview/Legislation**

Mr. Otto said that the bids for the Probation construction will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, in the small courtroom.

**6. Sheriff**

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins informed the board that she and Mrs. Stagen had attended the EMS table top exercise and encouraged all entities to attend.

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

Mr. McQuinn 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  
Our sheriff and deputies have been participating in their programs Sheriff Doran
2. Union Affairs  
Continuing negotiations Mrs. Haskins
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Mrs. Stagen
4. 708 Board Mr. Berger
5. WIA Mr. Bowen
6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health  
Regular meeting – paying bills, etc. Mrs. Stagen
7. Regional Office of Education Mr. Bowen
8. Community Economic Development Foundation Mr. Ferguson
9. 9-1-1  
Elected new officers Mr. Johnson
10. I.H.R. & CD Mr. Bowen
11. Zoning  
Planning Commission on Thursday night Mr. Johnson
12. CIRMA Mr. Bowen
13. Extension  
Annual Meeting - things are integrating well Mr. Johnson
14. E.M. A. Mr. Higgins

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Nuss has contacted Kelly Murray in regard to teleconferencing. He passed out Statute 5ILCS 120 which is the Open Meetings Act. It contains the rules in regard to teleconferencing meetings. A discussion was held. It was decided that more information is needed in regard to cost of hardware and how it would be accessed.

**Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 11-61 (Resolution approving bond of Drainage Commissioner, James R. Moritz). Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Otto seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:04 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_