

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

## **MAY 8, 2017**

### **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 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

### **B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger.

### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Floyd Otto, Jr.

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

Mr. Berger made the motion to strike from the Agenda the Resolution for Probation to hire due to not being passed through a committee and to strike all under the Overview section, everything has been covered. Mr. Otto made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Dr. Bernadette Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Hastings moved to approve the April 10, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Several Ford County residents spoke to the County Board Members about their concerns with the Kelly Creek Wind Farm. The residents are unable to receive service for the televisions from their antennas and they feel contract the Wind Farm is offering is unfair. Those who spoke were Mrs. Sandra Eshleman, Mr. Leo Weber, Mr. Charles Deany, Mr. Mark Richie and Mr. Chris Morrison.

The County's Insurance broker Mr. Marty Nuss with IPG Insurance Group spoke to the Board about the upcoming insurance renewal.

### **I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey went through Probation's monthly activities. Mrs. Maxey stated that a representative from the Chief Judge's Office would like to speak to the Board about her Resolution to hire and asked when the next Finance meeting would take place.

### **J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities.

## **K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Penny Stevens went through the Treasurer's monthly report. Mrs. Stevens stated the tax bills are at the printers and the first installment will be due June 16, 2017.

## **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

## **M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

**ASSESSMENTS, CIRCUIT CLERK, CORONER, COUNTY CLERK, EMA, HIGHWAY, HOUSING, PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF, TREASURER, ZONING AND 911.**

Mr. McQuinn moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

The Chairman attended a Wind Farm meeting. It was an overview of what the Wind Farm Wants to do.

## **O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **I. Environment**

Mr. Clark worked during the electronic recycling in Gibson City. He stated that around 45% Were Gibson City and Paxton residents and they filled 4 truckloads with electronics.

### **II. Finance**

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **III. Highway**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **IV. Insurance/Personnel**

### **V. Overview/Legislation**

### **VI. Sheriff**

Mr. Lindgren moved **to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA**

**& Coroner bills.** Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

## **VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. McCall moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Mobile Region 8

Doran/Lindgren

2. Union Affairs

McQuinn

3. EIED

Ferguson

4. 708 Board

Berger

5. WIA

Berger/Lindgren

6. Ford Public Health Dept.

Berger

**Mrs. Sample informed the Board that they are expecting more grant money in June.**

**The Health Dept. is finishing up program reviews and completing grants for FY 2018.**

7. Regional Office of Education

Berger

**Met on May 1<sup>st</sup> in new the location in Champaign and it was discussed at that meeting that there are 629 reported homeless children between Champaign and Ford County. 30 homeless children reported in Ford County.**

8. 9-1-1

Johnson

**Mr. Johnson said they reviewed the progress of the installation of the new equipment.**

9. Zoning

Hastings

10. CIRMA Nuss  
**Mr. Nuss attended the meeting on April 12, 2017 in Springfield and mentioned there are a lot of bad bills coming out soon.**

11. Extension Johnson

12. E.M.A. Higgins

13. Information Technology Nuss

**Mr. Nuss mentioned Cloud Point with GIS and Sidwell is moving forward and E-File will be running soon in the Circuit Clerk's Office.**

#### **Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-36 (Allowing the Treasurer to destroy certain records)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

There was a discussion about the MCS monthly preventative maintenance. After discussion Mr. Ferguson made the motion to allow MCS maintain preventative maintenance.

Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-37 (Resolution to re-appoint Elizabeth Ford as Sullivant Twp. Fire Trustee)**. Mr. Clark seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-38 (Resolution to re-appoint William Manhart as Piper City Fire Trustee)**. Mr. Clark seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

#### **S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

#### **T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:37 P.M.

#### **U. PROCLAMATION**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_