

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2010**

**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, September 13, 2010, 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, Tom McQuinn, Pat Haskins, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Ronald Bork, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Dave Hastings was absent.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman

Bowen

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

Floyd

Otto

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Otto moved that the August 9, 2010 minutes be approved. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion.

Voice Vote -

Carried

**F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Voice Vote – Carried

**I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Mrs. Morris informed the board that 2 new adult cases and 2 new juvenile cases were filed. 2 juveniles are in placement. She attended a conference to learn about drug court

which is a new mandate. Mr. Ferguson moved to approve her report and to place it on

file. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans was absent because she was attending her Circuit Clerk Conference. Mr. McQuinn moved to approve her report and to place it on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Krumwiede presented her report. We have a balance of \$347,888.62. The tax sale will be Wednesday, October 20, at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Berger moved to approve the Treasurers report and to place it on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**L. Opportunity for Department Heads who submitted written reports to Address the Board:**

**M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen received 2 letters of resignation; one from Bonnie Hull, who will be retiring November 30, 2010, and the other from Dennis Higgins who will be resigning September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bowen received a draft of the solid waste plan, from Andrews Engineering. He attended 2 windfarm meetings. He says that it is getting closer to being resolved.

**N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Environment**

**2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 10-51(to hire an Assistant State’s Attorney at an hourly rate of \$15 per hour ending on November 30, 2010).**

Mr. Bork seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Stagen informed the board that bids for auditor were opened for the 2010 fiscal audit. A Finance Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m. to review the bids and discuss the budget, in the small court room. All board members are encouraged to attend.

**3. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Berger

seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**4. Insurance /Personnel**

Mr. Ferguson informed the board that the committee met August 31. He has not heard from Dansig in regard to the pricing of the health insurance. No other decisions were made.

**5. Overview/Legislation**

Held meeting to finalize the notice for the public auction for cash rent for Ford County farmland and to edit the farm lease contracts. The Public Auction will be held on Friday, October 29, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the large courtroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the courthouse.

**6. Sheriff**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **Resolution 10-52 (to appoint Derek Sloan and Douglas Wallace as members of the Ford County Emergency Telephone Systems Board)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **Resolution 10-53 (to adopt Resolution to approve and authenticate the Emergency Operations Plan for Ford**

**County)**.

Mr. Otto seconded the motion.

Roll Call –

Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the resignation of Dennis Higgins as EMA Coordinator as of September 30, 2010. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote –

Carried

The reason for Higgin’s resignation is because the state is requiring every county to have their coordinator work 20 hours a week which affects Higgin’s IMRF retirement. The board is working on employing Higgins for 10 hours a week while seeking to hire a second person to fill the coordinator’s title and the remaining weekly hours.

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **Resolution 10-54 (Ford County Fee Increase)**.

Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call –

Unanimous

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

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

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Sheriff Doran
- 2. Solid Waste Mr. May
- 3. Union Affairs Mrs. Haskins
  - Negotiations will start in the very near future
- 4. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Mrs. Stagen
- 5. 708 Board Mr. Berger
  - Running a transportation showbus for the Veterans to Danville.
  - Gibson City won a playground award
- 6. WIA Mr. Bowen
  - Meets this Thursday
- 7. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health Mrs. Stagen
- 8. Regional Office of Education Mr. Bowen
  - Went over budget
- 9. Community Economic Development Foundation Mr. Ferguson
  - Will meet tomorrow. Their meetings are quarterly
- 10. 9-1-1 Mr. Hastings
- 11. I.H.R. & CD Mr. Bowen
- 12. CIRMA Mr. Bowen
- 13. Extension Mr. Hastings

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**Q. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 10-55 (approving bonds of Drainage Commissioners: James Niewold, Dennis R. Wahls, John Gallahue Jr., Robert Flessner, Steven P. Hills, David Punke,**

Thomas

**E. Rock, Jack D. Moody, Michael Brown, Eldon T. Johnson, John R.**

Ark,

**Joel Brown and Robert Zebarth).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote -

Carried

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**S. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals

Approved

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County Clerk