

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
December 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, December 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, Dave Hastings Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Doran

Sheriff

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Otto

Floyd

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the November 8, 2010 minutes and the December 6, Organizational meeting be approved. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion.

Carried

Voice Vote -

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk Kellerhals said that she had received Nancy Krumwiede's resignation letter. She

read a letter from Debbie Smith expressing her concern in regard to the windfarm issue.

She also read a letter from Paxton Mayor Ingold expressing his support for the windfarms.

G. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

H. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris informed the board that 21 new adult cases and 2 new juvenile cases were

filed. 2 juveniles were put in placement this month. 3 adults and 2 juveniles are in drug

and alcohol placement.

I. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that she sent out jury questionnaires. She was asked about the receipts in her office. She said that the receipt payments are up, since the judge shortened the time they are due.

J. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Krumwiede presented her report. We have a balance of \$504,209.96. We received the remainder of January probation amount of \$9,130. We received the sales tax and local use tax for September which was about \$33,000.

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

K. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

The following people spoke in regard to the E.On Windfarm proposal.

1. Angela Adams Martin spoke for adequate representation of Ford County citizens and due process. She explained why proper procedures were not followed at the public hearing. She will file a complaint with the Attorney General. She is asking that a new public hearing be called. She reminded the County Board represents everyone in Ford County.
2. Cindy Ihrke has no objections with the planned growth in the county. She does have a problem with the turbines. She complained about the procedures held at the public hearing and will file a complaint with the General Attorney. She is asking to remand this plan back to the zoning board. She is asking for equal rights for those with no choice who fall within the foot print of the project.
3. Tom Harrison has great concern with E.On coming into our community. He is asking for the board to go to websites and give it fairness and attention. He will live within 1 mile of several windfarms and is concerned about his property value and his health. Please give consideration and fairness.
4. Leah Wagner has concerns about the effect of the people living near them. She asked why we have to be in such a hurry.

5. Kim Schertz is from Hudson, IL in McLean County. She said that the hearing was chaotic and unfair. She requested that the board deny the application and remand it back to zoning.
6. Michael Short is president of the PBL Schools and is in support of the E.On windfarms. For a financial standpoint, there couldn't be a better time for the windfarms. It will help schools and the county to make it through these rough times.

Mr. Knilands, the zoning officer said that the Planning Commission approved the E.On application and it was then taken to the Zoning Board and approved for forwarding the permit to the board. He said that there are 13 points dealing with the special use permit. All of these points have been met. He feels that all legal responsibilities were met as to the way the applications were looked at and the way the meetings were held. States Attorney Fitton feels that we have met all criteria in the special use permit and that it is now up to the board to vote on the application.

Mr. Melka, representative of E.On believes that the application has met all the standards and asked for the board's vote tonight. Mr. Miles, the attorney for E.On feels that the standards have met the application.

Mr. May moved to approve **Resolution 11-01 (Special Use Permit for the Pioneer Trail Wind Farm LLC)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Question – Mr. Ferguson asked if the set backs were far enough. After discussion, the question was determined irrelevant. Mr. Bowen asked the board to vote accordingly.

Roll Call - 9 - yeas; 3

nays

(voting nay: Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Otto and Mr.

Nuss)

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

Sheriff Doran informed the board about the Advanced Correctional Health Care Service, which he is interested in obtaining. The estimated cost is \$29,000. More information will be provided next month, when the representative explains the policy to the Sheriff Committee.

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen has been busy attending landowner meetings in regard to wind farms, working with ECO Manufacturing concerns and working on a County Treasurer replacement.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

Working on the host agreement with ECO and working on updating the ordinance.

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 **Ordinance 11-02(adoption of the 2010-11 Levy Ordinance)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 11-03 (Resolution for Interim Treasurer)**.

Mrs. Haskins seconded it. Roll Call – 11 yeas; 1 abstention;

(Mr. Hastings abstained.)

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 11-04 (Resolution Designating Depositories of County Funds)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **(the agreement between the County of Ford and Rogers Road District)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call- Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **(the agreement between the County of Ford and Mona Road District)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

4. Insurance /Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Hastings said that they met November 16. They went over options to

provide the Probation Office more office space.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing ESDA & Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion,
Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the **Contracts for County Alarm System Services with Farmers Merchants National Bank of Paxton and the Farmers Merchants National Bank of Melvin.** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the **Contracts for County Law Enforcement services with the Village of Cabery at a fee of \$3,420).** Mrs. Stagen seconded it.
Voice Vote –
Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **the Interagency Agreement regarding Emergency Dispatching with Ambulance.** Mr. Hastings seconded it.
Voice Vote –
Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **the Interagency Agreement with 911 Board.**
Mr.
Hastings seconded it.
Voice Vote -
Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt the **FOP Agreement.** Mr. Lindgren 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:

Mr. Bowen explained what the different groups are and do.

Doran	1. Mobile Region 8	Sheriff
Haskins	2. Union Affairs	Mrs.
	3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority	Mrs. Stagen

They met and reviewed the bills

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| Berger | 4. 708 Board | Mr. |
| Bowen | 5. WIA | Mr. |
| Ferguson | 6 Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| | 7. Regional Office of Education | Mr. Bowen |
| | 8. Community Economic Development Foundation | Mr. |
| | There are 60 hours that can be used for grant application assistance within the county | |
| Hastings | 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. |
| Hastings | 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| Hastings | 11. Zoning | Mr. |
| Bowen | 12. CIRMA | Mr. |
| Hastings | 13. Extension | Mr. |
| | Karen Moore was not appointed for a position. Will be out. | |
| | 14. E.M. A.
Higgins | Mr. |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

None

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-05 (appointment of Darrell Dunahee as Commissioner of the Big Four Drainage District); and Resolution 11-06 (Appointment of Jason Stuckey as Commissioner to Drainage District #2 in Pella); and Resolution 11-07 (appointment of Douglas Moody as Commissioner in the Sugar Creek Drainage District).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Bowen announced that there are 5 candidates for the County Treasurer position. The Personnel committee will take care of the interviews. The Treasurer will be replaced at the next board meeting.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:
Doran

Sheriff

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals

County Clerk

Approved January 10, 2011