

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 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 Monday, May 14, 2012 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, Gene May, Randy Berger, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen. Jason Johnson, Richard Hewerdine and Floyd Otto were absent

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman Bowen

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

Pat Haskins

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the April 9, 2012 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote –Carried

**F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Laura Dick, from Show Bus explained amending the Show Bus Intergovernmental Agreement by adding Macon County to the agreement. Mr. Berger moved to approve the amendment and Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

**H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mrs. Haskins 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. Mr. May seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Mrs. Morris presented her monthly report. There are no juveniles in placement. They held a designer drug drug presentation at the Paxton Methodist Church. Shanna Ferrell talked about “Spice” the synthetic marijuana. She said that the drugs are here in Ford County. It is getting to be a very serious problem. Mr. Bowen expressed his concern and said the board would help the probation department any way possible.

**J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans reported that she had a very busy month. She has ordered shelving for her vault. They are getting ready for another jury in July.

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She reported that a total of 10,157 tax bills were sent out on May 3. She has already collected over \$1,600,000.

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

**L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**  
Coroner Wallace reported that he received a \$4,000 grant.

**M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

**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

The U of I Extension has requested a \$50,000 levy for the 2012 budget. Mr. May moved to approve the \$50,000 levy request for 2012. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The 2011 audit reports were handed out to the board members. It will be approved next month.

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt Resolution 12-20 (to fill the vacancy of a deputy clerk in the Circuit Clerk's office). Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt Resolutions 12-21, 12-22, & 12-23 (approval of resolutions to surrender tax sale certificates). Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the Probation contract. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**3. Highway**

Mr. Berger moved to approve payment of the Highway bills except for the maintenance contract on the copier. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Berger moved to adopt Resolution 12-24 (accepting the low bid for the 2012 Township MFT maintenance project). Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**4. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt Resolution 12-25 (approving the health insurance contract for the 2012 -13 year). Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**5. Overview/Legislation**

**6. Sheriff**

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

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. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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| 1. Mobile Region 8  | Sheriff Doran |
| 2. Union Affairs  | 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  | Mrs. Stagen   |
| 7. Regional Office of Education   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation<br>Working on entrepreneurships within the schools | Mr. Ferguson  |
| 9. 9-1-1<br>County working on switching to narrow band  | Mr. Johnson   |
| 10. Zoning  | Mr. Johnson   |
| 11. CIRMA   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 12. Extension   | Mr. Johnson   |
| 13. E.M. A.   | Mr. Higgins   |

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 12 - 26 (reappointing Trustee Richard Hitchens to Piper City Fire District)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved approve the **appointment and bond of Duane Meister to trustee of Cullom Fire District**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board went into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (setting salary for the Coroner's term. Went into session at 8:30 P.M.

Went out of Executive session at 8:40 P.M.

Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt **Resolution 12-27 (establishing the salary of the Coroner for the new term)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. May moved to adopt the per diem of the board and stipend for the Chairman of the board Berger seconded it. Mr. May moved to rescind the motion. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Mr. May moved to adopt **Resolution 12-28 (establishing the yearly stipend of the board chairman of \$7,000 plus the county per diem per meeting)**. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Berger moved to adopt **Resolution 12-29 (establishing the per diem for the county board members as \$65 for committee and board meetings attended)**. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – 6 yeas

2 present

1 nay

(Mr. McQuinn and Mr. Ferguson voted present)

(Mr. Nuss voted nay)

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Berger moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:50 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Bowen

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

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