

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 11, 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, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman, Elynor Stagen.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Tom McQuinn, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss and Elynor Stagen. Chairman Bowen was absent.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Floyd Otto

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the May 14, 2012 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Sydni Meunier, of Melvin, was recognized in the District 2 recognition program. She just graduated from the GCMS High School as valedictorian of her class and will be attending Notre Dame in the fall. She won 3 state titles in track this year and 2 state titles in track last year.

Tom Bennett introduced himself as the new GOP chairman and told the board the events that are being planned. He encouraged all elected officials to get involved.

Mr. Steve McClure, representing One Earth Energy Enterprise Zone, explained to the board the proposed ordinance for expanding the enterprise zone to include Wind Earth Energy which is located in Gibson City. This will allow Wind Earth Energy to no longer have to pay the natural gas tax. This is the only business that will be included in the enterprise zone.

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Ordinance 12-30 ( an ordinance amending the enterprise zone to include new territory and the new units of Government of Ford County and Gibson City)**. Mr. Berger seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the monthly and the semi-annual reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMA, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Otto 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 computers crashed last week. Everything is working again and she did not lose any information.

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

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The General Fund has a total of \$499,315.70 of cash on hand. The first installment of property taxes have been collected. She will make a distribution to all entities very soon. She thanked the banks for doing such a great job. There will be a sealed bid auction on June 29. Contact Hastings for catalogs and bidding information.

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

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

## **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

## **N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Environment**

### **2. Finance**

Mr. Berger moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills.  
Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Berger moved to approve the 2010 – 11 audit report. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **3. Highway**

Mr. Berger moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 12-31 (Prevailing Wage Resolution). Mr. Ferguson seconded it.  
Roll Call – Unanimous

### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

### **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. Mrs. Haskins seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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| 1. Mobile Region 8<br>Meeting tomorrow   | 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<br>Had a regular business meeting                                 | Mrs. Stagen   |
| 7. Regional Office of Education  | Mr. Bowen     |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation<br>Talked about the financial situations of the state | Mr. Ferguson  |
| 9. 9-1-1   | Mr. Johnson   |
| 10. Zoning<br>Board of Appeals met in regard to approving a large garage in Elliott                | 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 - 32 (Election Judge appointment Resolution)**  
Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve **Resolution 12-33 (appointment and bond of Christopher Thorp as trustee of Elliott Fire District)**. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

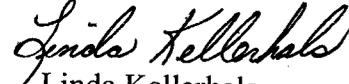
Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:55 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Linda Kellerhals

County Clerk

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