

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

December 14, 2015

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 14, 2015 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: Bob Lindgren, Jason Johnson, Jon Clark, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Berger. Mr. Otto was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Bob Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Nuss moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve the November 9, 2015 minutes. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

Steven Kelley, from One Earth Energy, said that they have been in court hearings in regard to seeking a reduction in its assessed value. The Gibson City School is opposing this appeal. He said that \$12,000,000 is being held up. For the past three months, they have been compiling all the information requested by the S of A. They have not heard anything in regard to when the PTAB will meet. He said that the Supervisor of Assessments needs to be impartial to both the school and them. He requested that the County Board make sure that the Supervisor of Assessments is impartial to both parties.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that 7 adult and 1 juvenile case has been filed. There were 6 PTR'S filed, 2 PSI'S ordered and 5 PSI'S completed. There were 2 adults and 0 juveniles in Residential Alcohol/Drug Treatment. There was 1 adult placed in residential or group homes. The Victim Impact Panel was held with 23 people, 3 speakers and 1 guest in attendance.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Evans reported that the jury trial lasted 2 weeks. She said that the jury fees will cost about \$16,850. Only one meal for the jurors was served for that entire time.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens reported that motor fuel money has been coming in. We have a cash balance of \$118,452.73 as of November 30. The auditor will be here Wednesday.

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

M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Johnson moved to approve all department head reports. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger reported that he attended a meeting of the Life Center for Independent Living. Financially, they can survive until April. He said that he was called for jury duty, but was not selected.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Ordinance 16-01 (2015-16 Tax Levy Ordinance)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolution 16-02 (discontinue participation in the Illinois Fund Program)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-03 (County Maintenance Resolution)**. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-04 (Matching Tax Appropriating Resolution)**. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-05 (Appropriating Funds for payment of the County Engineer's Salary)**. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-06 (Requesting the approval of the use of moneys Allocated under the Provision of the MFT Laws)**. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 16-07 (Personnel Policy Handbook)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

5. Overview/Legislation

6. Sheriff

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-08 (appointing Eric Rosenbaum to the Sheriff's Merit Commission) and to adopt Resolution 16-09 (appointing Joe McCabe to the Sheriff's Merit Commission)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

The FOP contract will be voted on next month.

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve the County Law Enforcement Service Contracts with (the Village of Kempton, Village of Cabery and Village of Piper City)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Lindgren moved to **adopt Resolution 16-10 (2016 Sheriff Policy Manual)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

7. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. McCall moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion.
Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
A meeting will be held Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
2. Union Affairs Lindgren/ Mc/Quinn
3. EIEDD Ferguson
4. 708 Board Berger
5. WIA Stagen
6. Ford Public Health Dept. Berger
Lana Sample reported that they have not received any of their grant money since June. She said that the Public Health Dept. will run out of funds in February, if the state budget is not passed.
7. Regional Office of Education Berger/Stagen
8. 9-1-1 Johnson
Met last Thursday. Set meeting dates and elected officers for the new year.
9. Zoning Johnson
Mr. Rock reported that the zoning board and Planning Commission met in regard to a request to rezone Property west of Roberts from single-family residential to agricultural for a cemetery to be placed there.
10. CIRMA Nuss
Will meet in Bloomington on January 14, 2016.
11. Extension Hastings/Johnson
12. E.M.A. Higgins
Mr. Berger said that he is working on setting up a LEPC Committee.
13. Information Technology Nuss
Mr. Nuss is working on getting an inventory of all equipment in all Ford County Departments.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. May moved to **adopt Resolution 16-11 (to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2016 at the cost of \$5,000)**.
Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss moved to **adopt Resolution 16-12 (to appoint Kirk Rock to the Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McCall moved to **adopt Resolution 16-13 (changing zoning district from Residential Single Family to Agriculture Lot 74 in Co Clk Sub Div town of Roberts)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.
Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson moved to **adopt Resolution 16-14 (appointing Joe Higgins, Adam Thorndyke and Tim Asay to the 9-1-1 Board)**. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:22 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals, County Clerk

Approved _____