

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
January 10, 2011

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, January 10, 2011 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, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Dave Hastings was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the December 13, 2010 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Eric Thompson, Ford County Republican Chairman, announced that the Republican Committee is in favor of the appointment of Judy Hastings to fill the vacancy of Treasurer.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly 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

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris reported that she had received her approval letter for her annual plan. They commended the department on the programs that were offered. She informed the board that there were 16 new adult cases and 0 new juvenile cases were filed. 2 juveniles were still in placement.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that jury started today and was already over. She talked about the distributions.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Interim Treasurer Hastings thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to be interim treasurer. She reported that we have a balance of \$718,326.17.

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Candice Short, Supervisor of Assessments, reported that she had received her first re-imbusement from the IDOT Grant. She also reported that the new plat books are in. They are for sale in her office for \$25.

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen reported that it has been a “whirlwind month”. The wind farms are picking up. There will be a presentation by Alliance Energy, a second firm interested in locating a plasma gasification plant in Gibson City, probably on January 18, at 7:00 P.M. at the Gibson City Hall.

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 **allow Chairman Bowen to obtain services from a qualified attorney to assist in implementing wind farm contracts.** Mr.

Berger seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was taken.

Roll Call – Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – 10 yeas; 1 abstention;

Mr. May abstained.

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-11 (requesting the approval of the use of moneys allocated under the provision of the Motor Fuel Tax Laws).** Mr.

Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call- Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-12 (appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer’s Salary).** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-13 (County Maintenance Resolution appropriating \$200,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund).** Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous