

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2013

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, October 14, 2013, 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, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the September 9, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mrs. Haskins seconded it. Mrs. Haskins stated that the September 30, minutes needed to be corrected to say that Mr. Hastings was seated before the Executive Session. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice vote - carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor presented her September report. In September, there were 21 new adult cases and 3 new youth cases. 9 adults and 1 juvenile are in residential alcohol treatment at no cost to the county.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans presented her report. Two men from the Secretary of State were in her office training her staff. New fees will be implemented as of January 1, 2014, including talking on the cell phone while driving. There will be no jury next week.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$791,731.25 as of September 30, 2013. There are 6 tax buyers registered for the tax sale auction which will be held Wednesday, October 23, at 1:00 P.M. As of tonight, there are a total of 183 tax bills which have not been paid.

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen has been busy with States Attorney Fitton and Attorney Deanna Mools in regard to the issues with the Ford Iroquois Public Health Department

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

(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve Resolutions 13-46 (to surrender a tax sales certificate for the property 04-04-04-208-01).** Mr. Hastings seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

The 2013-14 proposed budget was presented to the board members and will be voted at the next month's board meeting.

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department Budget for 2014. Mrs. Stagen withdrew her motion. The budget will not be approved until next month.

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve Resolution 13-47 (transferring fee from Rental Housing to Ford County Recording).** Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. McQuinn moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Berger seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
- 2. Union Affairs Haskins/Bowen/Stagen
- 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Stagen/Berger
- 4. 708 Board Mr. Berger
- 5. WIA Bowen/Hastings
- 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health Mrs. Stagen
 Met October 7. They agreed to spend \$520 for security hardware for the computers. Discussed the FOIA issues.
 Will meet every 3rd Monday at 7:00 P.M. at the Gilman Danforth Library.
- 7. Regional Office of Education Bowen/Stagen

- Talked about building inspections, grants etc.
8. ECIEDD Mr. Ferguson
 Mr. Hastings moved to not continue in this organization since the fee is now \$3500. Mr. Berger seconded it.
 Voice vote carried. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct 7, at the Urbana Brooken Center at 12:00 p.m.
 9. 9-1-1 Mr. Johnson
 Voted to pay bills. Received a resignation from one of the members. Mr. Higgins will be attending a conference
 Oct. 20 -23.
 10. Zoning Mr. Johnson
 11. CIRMA Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn
 Meeting was Oct 2. 4 new counties are joining CIRMA. Next meeting is Oct. 29.
 12. Extension Johnson/Hastings
 Next meeting is November 4.
 13. E.M.A. Mr. Higgins

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Deanna Moole, our new attorney, was introduced. She discussed the pro and con issues in regard to the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department. A final decision in regard to this issue must be made by January 1, 2014.

She informed the board that according to the Illinois State Statutes, it is necessary to receive approval from the Illinois Public Health Department in regard to our intentions to withdraw from the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department. After we receive approval from the state, we can make our decision. By statute, we cannot dissolve until June 30. There will be decisions that Ford County will have to make in regard to splitting grants and other funds. Our budget will have to be amended.

Mr. Berger made a motion for Ms. Moole to contact the State Department of Public Health with our request to withdraw from the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department. Mr. Otto seconded it.
 Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **approve the Drainage Commissioner Bonds for: James W. Niewold, Dennis R. Wahls, Roger Wycoff, Robert Flessner, Stephen P. Hills, David Punke, Robert Rock, Jack D. Moody, Douglas J. Moody, Michael Brown, John R. Ark, Joel Brown, David Haag and Robert Zebarth.**
 Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:


T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:02 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Linda Kellerhals
 County Clerk

Approved: 11-11-13