

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 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, January 9, 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, Jason Johnson, Pat Haskins, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen. Mr. Bowen and Mr. Hewerdine were absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the December 12, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.
Voice Vote –Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Tom Harrison said that he lives right near the wind farms and said that he realizes that the wind farms have been beneficial to many. He is experiencing noise from the wind turbines and wonders if the board could do something to control the noise level. He would appreciate anything the board could do to help him with this issue.

Mr. Tom Bennett, who is running as state representative, wanted to thank the members on the board for their efforts. He is a candidate because he is concerned with the state problems. He will focus on the environmental and the business issues of the state.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto 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. Lindgren seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris was absent.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that a jury trial started today and should end tomorrow. Another jury trial will start on next Tuesday. She said that it is getting harder to get people to serve as jurors, because employers will not pay for their employees to be on the jury. The state is working on orchestrating more of the unemployed.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She said that the county received the July and August

Probation salary reimbursement. She informed the board that she is very appreciative that our local banks are cooperative and helpful.

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Mrs. Short showed a 1966 picture of the Board of Supervisors which had been restored. She said that Rosemary Kaye had paid to get the picture enhanced. It will be displayed in the courthouse foyer. The board asked the clerk to send Mrs. Kaye a thank you note for her donation.

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

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 12-04 (allowing the County Clerk/Recorder to hire a full time deputy clerk). Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. May moved to adopt Resolution 12-05 (increasing the EMA budget from \$9,000 to \$9,880). Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt Resolution 12-06 (increasing the Public Defender's salary from \$40,000 to \$42,000 and increasing the Asst. Defender's salary from \$16,000 - \$17,000). Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution 12-07 (allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire a full-time Deputy Clerk in her office). Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 12-08 (County Bridge Appropriating Resolution).

Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 12-09 (IDOT County Maintenance Resolution).

Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt (the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement).

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

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve the Contract for County Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Elliott and the Village of Kempton.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Lindgren 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 |
| <i>Next meeting is next week</i> | |
| 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 | Mr. Ferguson |
| 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. Johnson |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 11. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension | Mr. Johnson |
| 14. E.M. A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Doran announced that the monthly inspection of our elevators is increasing monthly from \$473.97 to \$502.65 and the annual inspection will increase from \$750.00 to \$795.38.

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve the re- appointment of Dr. Kevin Brucker to the Ford-Iroquois Board of Health.** Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to **adopt Resolution 12-10 (re-appointing Bob Cotter of Piper City, Don Hitchens of Piper City and appointing Adam Elder of Gibson City to the Ford County Emergency Telephone System Board).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. McQuinn moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) in regard to Personnel matters. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Went into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M.

Went out of Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.

Mr. McQuinn made a motion to give the States Attorney authority to hire a secretary at a salary position not to exceed \$30,000 per year. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

T. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____