

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 & SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

**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, September 11, 2017 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: Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Dr. Bernadette Ray and Jon Clark were not in attendance.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Floyd Otto, Jr.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:**

Mr. Nuss made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. McCall moved to approve the August 14, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Mrs. Sandra Eshleman updated the board on the Kelly Creek Windfarm (EDF) contract.
- Mr. Chris Morrison also updated the board on the negotiation process of the Kelly Creek Windfarm. Mr. Morrison stated they have been fighting EDF for around 11 months. Mr. Berger stated that he emailed an invitation to EDF to attend tonight's meeting and received no response.
- It was mentioned that a special use permit being used by EDF needs to be looked into in one area, there may be a miss use in the special permit.

**I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Ellen Maxey went through her monthly report. She mentioned she has hired a new officer. Mrs. Maxey also discussed that they have received reimbursement letter stating they will receive reimbursement for FY 2018 from the state. There are still some calculations to be completed before a final figure for FY 18 is available due to filing an open position; there has been some reallocation of money from FY 2017 due to staff changes.

**J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities. Mrs. Evans stated that her office is still receiving past fees and she would like to thank Mr. Nuss for helping her with computer issues in her office.

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Stevens went through the Treasurer's Report. She informed the Board that 97% of Taxes have been collected.

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

**M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

**ASSESSMENTS, CIRCUIT CLERK, CORONER, COUNTY CLERK, EMA, HIGHWAY, HOUSING, PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF, TREASURER, ZONING AND 911.**

Mr. Otto moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Chairman Berger stated that Community Action met and they paid some bills at the meeting.

**O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I. Environment**

**II. Finance**

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**III. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**IV. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn would like to set an Insurance & Personnel Meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017 at 9AM to discuss a Grievance filed by the FOP and to discuss a Resolution to Amend the Personnel Handbook to comply with FMLA.

**V. Overview/Legislation**

**VI. Sheriff**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-59 (Allowing the Sheriff's Office to hire one full time Corrections Deputy Officer).** Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Hastings moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

**P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Mobile Region 8

Doran/Lindgren

2. Union Affairs

McQuinn

3. 708 Board

Berger

4. WIA

Berger/Lindgren

5. Ford Public Health Dept.

Berger

**Lana Sample told the Board that the Flu Clinic will start at the end of September 2017. She also mentioned that most of FY17 grants have been paid to them.**

6. Regional Office of Education

Berger

7. 9-1-1

Johnson

8. Zoning

Hastings

9. CIRMA

Nuss

10. Extension

Johnson

11. E.M.A./LEPC

Higgins

12. Information Technology

Nuss

**Mr. Nuss mentioned he helped the Circuit Clerk's Office with the program Vine and he sat in on computer issues in the Supervisor of Assessments Office.**

## **Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

## **R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-60 (Allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire a part time temporary person)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-61 (Authorizing the sale of 1.34 Acres of Land)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

## **S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

## **T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn until Monday, September 18, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the use of a Special Permit; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. and will reconvene on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

## **Reconvene, Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

On Monday September 18, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., Mr. Berger, Chairman of the County Board, reconvened the September 11, 2017 County Board meeting in the Sheriff's Boardroom in the Ford County Jail. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Berger, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hastings, Mr. May, Mr. McQuinn, Mr. McCall, Mr. Nuss and Mr. Lindgren. Those missing were Dr. Bernadette Ray, Mr. Clark and Mr. Otto. Mr. Berger stated he will limit each speaker to 7 minutes each.

Mr. Matt Rock, Ford County Zoning Officer discussed an email he sent out to the Board members prior to tonight's meeting.

There were discussions about other Ford County areas that have complaints of interference from the windfarms.

Patricia Langland, Supervisor of Assessments checked with Kankakee County, as asked by the Board, to see if there were any complaints and she stated, no complaints of Television reception interference. At a convention she recently attended, asked other counties if they had any complaints and they all said no complaints. Mr. McCall asked Ms. Langland if she specifically asked about interference with television antennas? Ms. Langland responded that she did ask about antenna's and they said no complaints.

Several citizens spoke to the Board about concerns and issues including health issues with windfarms in the area.

There was then discussion on what issues need to be addressed in the WECS Ordinance and that Mr. Berger will draft a letter and what that letter to Kelly Creek Windfarm needs to state. Mr. Berger will also look into the cost of deconstructing a wind turbine.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to stop all permits until WECS Ordinance is updated. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – 6 Yeas – 3 Nays  
(Nays were - Johnson, Hastings, Berger)

Mr. Berger stated he would draft a letter stating health issues and reception issues to EDF.

**U. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. May moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

**V. PROCLAMATION**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 9, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_