

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

## **JANUARY 8, 2018**

### **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 8, 2018 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: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Tim Nuss and Chairman Berger. Mr. May, Mr. Otto and Vice Chairman Lindgren were not in attendance.

### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Mr. Berger

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

Mr. Nuss made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Dr. Ray moved to approve the December 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Larry David spoke to the Board about concerns of the way the Assessments are being calculated. Mr. David brought 2 folders; one with lowered assessed homes, one with higher assessed homes in the Roberts area. Mr. David stated that several of the residents are experiencing increases that don't make since. Mr. David gave some examples the Board. Mr. David wants to help Ford County grow but fears these unexplained increases will cause people to leave Ford County. The Board thanked Mr. David for bringing these concerns to their attention and asked those questioning their assessed value to file with the Board of Review. Mr. David stated that there will probably be a lot of residents of Melvin, Roberts and Piper City area to file.
- Dale Bleich also spoke about concerns of the way homes are being assessed. Mr. Bleich also gave examples of raised assessed values to homes that did not make since.

### **I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Mrs. Ellen Maxey, Chief Probation Officer informed the Board Probation is ready for Pre-Trial and They are working on E-Filing.

### **J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities.

### **K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Chairman Berger briefly went through the Treasurer's monthly report.

## 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. Hastings moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger stated during the Holiday break he wrote a few Resolutions on the Agenda to be reviewed tonight.

## O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### I. Environment

### II. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall spoke to the Board about a Contract for Disaster Recovery with CIC. After Discussion It was decided to table the contract until the process was better explained from the company.

Mr. McCall moved to table the Contract for Disaster Recovery. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

### III. Highway

Mr. Berger moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

The Board reviewed a Professional Services Procurement Process/Qualification Based Selection Process presented by the Highway Dept.

Ford County Engineer Greg Perkinson spoke to the Board about the ongoing process with the Windfarm Company EDF about making safer slopes that the windfarm has yet to fix. The Highway Dept. and their advisor looked into tapping into the EDF Escrow account for payment if the slopes were to be fixed by Ford County. At this point EDF wanted a Proposal made. A proposal was made and sent to EDF by the Ford County advisor. EDF returned the Proposal with changes and that is where they are now.

### IV. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18- 09 (Adopting Policy on Harassment).** Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18- 10 (Adopting Policy on ID Protection & Background Checks).** Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18- 11 (Appointing the Public Defender Full-Time).** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Yea’s – 8, Nay’s – 1  
(Nay – Hastings)

### V. Overview/Legislation

### VI. Sheriff

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

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

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Clark 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 stated the Public Health Dept. is going through program reviews and she is looking into a couple more grant options.**

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

**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**S. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-12 (Appointing Lori Blanchard to the ETSB Board)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Hastings made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-13 (Setting Mileage Rate Reimbursement for 2018)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-14 (Allowing Probation to Purchase a 2015 Motor Vehicle)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-15 (Allowing the Coroner to Appoint 2 Deputies)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**T. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**U. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:11 P.M.

**V. PROCLAMATION**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_