

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 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, February 12, 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, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Tim Nuss, Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Mr. Clark and Mr. Otto 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. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hastings moved to approve the January 8th & 29th, 2018 Minutes. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Several people here to speak to the board about concerns with the Supervisor of Assessments Office and extending the moratorium for the windfarms and solar farms.
- Stan Jenkins is retired from the Dept. of Revenue and offered help to anyone with questions about how assessed values are figured.
- There were members of the Coles County Concerned Citizens group to express concerns with the Supervisor of Assessment Office.
- Some members of the Edgar County Watch Dogs were present to express concerns about the Supervisor of Assessment.
- Richard Flessner President of the Village of Roberts informed the board of the recent adoption of a Zoning Ordinance of Home Rule in the village.
- Ronald Bork the Chairman of the Board of Review stated the Board of Review will meet on Thursday, February 15, 2018. He also mentioned that Mr. Bork, Mr. Ferguson, Representative Tom Bennett and State's Attorney Andrew Killian met with the Dept. of Revenue in Springfield last Thursday, February 8, 2018.
- Cindy and Ann Ihrke both spoke to the board about concerns in the Supervisor of Assessment office, they asked for the board to extend the windfarm moratorium and both asked for the resignation of Patricia Langland, Supervisor of Assessment.
- Robert Taylor and Todd McNutt passed out a bid for new computers in the Supervisor of Assessment office that had been sent to the Supervisor of Assessment several weeks ago. They also spoke about the current backup in place for Ford County and how it could be updated.

- Dallas Glazik with the Ford County Soil and Water was present to offer his knowledge if anyone has any questions about the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation.
- Bryce Decker the liaison with Courage Connection explained briefly how he can help those whom may need help with orders of protection or to find resources and protection with domestic violence.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey was not present.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Kim Evans asked if there were any questions about her monthly report. There were none.

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:

Patricia Langland, Supervisor of Assessments, spoke to concerned citizens on questions about how she figured the assessment valuations. Patricia stated that a lot happened before she got here in Ford County and that "chasing sales" happened in the past. Patricia gave examples of the method used to figure the assessment valuations. Patricia mentioned that her computer is broke and did all the figuring by hand.

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

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

**Mr. Berger stated that Community Action met and that the Eastern Economic Development will be building in Douglas County.

**** Revised at County Board Meeting held on 3/12/18 to now read, Eastern Economic Development will issue bonds in Douglas County.** Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept the revised minutes on Feb. 12, 2018. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried**

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. McCall stated that due to a lack of a quorum the Finance Committee gathered to review the General Fund Bills and recommend them to the board to be paid. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall spoke to the Board about a Contract for Disaster Recovery with CIC and a backup bid from MCS. It was decided to hold an IT meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for further discussion.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 16 (Allowing the Treasurer to appoint a Chief Deputy in her office)**. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

III. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 17 (Amending Resolution 18 - 10 on Identity Protection and Background checks)**. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 18 (Re-Appointing Matthew Rock as Zoning Enforcing Officer)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion allowing Mr. Berger to sign **Resolution 18 - 19 (A Grievance Filed by the FOP) only after being accepted by the FOP**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.
Roll Call – 8 – Yea’s - 2 – Present
(Present – Dr. Ray & Mr. Hastings)

V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Berger made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 20 (Selling 4 Acres to Button Township)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 21 (Amending and Extending Windfarm Resolution 17-64 until the Ordinance is approved by the County Board)**. Mr. May seconded it.
Roll Call – 8- Yea’s – 2 Nays
(Nays – Johnson & Berger)

VI. Sheriff

Mr. Lindgren moved **to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 22 (Allowing the Sheriff to hire a Telecommunicator)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 23 & 18 - 24 (Law Enforcement Contracts with the Village of Kempton and the Village of Piper City)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Nuss moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Hastings seconded the motion.
Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8
Sheriff Doran stated there will be a meeting on Feb. 13, 2018 @ 1:00P.M. Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs
McQuinn
3. 708 Board
Berger
4. WIA
Berger/Lindgren
5. Ford Public Health Dept.
Berger
Lana Sample passed out an Annual Report.
6. Regional Office of Education
Berger
7. 9-1-1
Johnson
Mr. Johnson stated there will be a meeting Feb. 14, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Paxton Fire Station
8. Zoning
Hastings
Zoning Meeting Feb. 28, 2018 @ 9:00 A.M. in the Small Courtroom
9. CIRMA
Nuss
10. Extension
Johnson
11. E.M.A./LEPC
Higgins
12. Information Technology
Nuss
Monday, Feb. 19, 2018 @ 7:00 P. M.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18 -25(Allowing the Coroner to destroy certain equipment)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss recently attended a Village of Roberts meeting and he stated people weren't sure who they can talk to about certain animal control needs. Mr. Nuss found out they may contact the Ford County Sheriff's Office and they will contact Animal Control.

T. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:39 P.M. Mr. Berger stated the need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel Reasons. Mr. Nuss made the motion to go into Executive Session. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

At 9:41 P.M. Dr. Ray made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Ronald Bork addressed the Board that the Board of Review will meet Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. He then discussed the options the County has after meeting with the Dept. of Revenue last Thursday. Dept. of Revenue did confirm it is against the law to destroy Property Record Cards. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Bork have both spoken with former Supervisor of Assessments Candice Short about helping the Board of Review.

U. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn; Mr. McCall seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 10:12 P.M.

V. PROCLAMATION:

The next Special County Board meeting will be held Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____