

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 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 Thursday, February 22, 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, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Tim Nuss, and Chairman Berger. Vice Chairman Lindgren was seated at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Otto were not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Berger

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Berger

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Berger made the motion to revise the Agenda by moving the Vote on the acceptance of a letter of resignation from Patricia Langland SOA from New Business to under Old Business also by adding Mr. Ronald Bork to speak under Comments from the floor. Mr. May made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

- F.** Bob Taylor and Todd McNutt with MCS spoke to the board about the bid for 3 new computers for the Supervisor of Assessments Office that was given to the board at the last board meeting on February 12, 2018. The bid was not previously handed out by the Supervisor of Assessments. It is in the opinion of MCS that 3 new computers are not needed in that office at this time and until the board makes a decision about new computers; they will hold the same price on the bid. As far as the offices of Assessments, Coroner, Treasurer and County Clerk, in the opinion of MCS, their current backup is not sufficient and MCS has also submitted a bid for the backup and recovery to be voted on later tonight. Cindy Ihrke spoke to the board about the a legal notice that was not run in the local paper by the Supervisor of Assessments, Patricia Langland according to the statute. Mr. Ronald Bork, Chairman of the Board of Review passed out a tentative letter to the board stating the Board of Review would like to reverse the 2017 Assessments back to the 2016 Assessment Roll. Mr. Bork stated at the Board of Review meeting held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 1 P.M. a motion was made to reverse the 2017 Assessment Roll to 2016. Mr. Bork went onto discuss that at the meeting held at the Dept. of Revenue in Springfield, IL. on February 8, 2018 with Mr. Bork, Mr. Ferguson, State Representative Mr. Tom Bennett and State's Attorney Andrew Killian, the methodology that was used by Patricia Langland was proven to the Dept. of Revenue to be incorrect. The Board of Review feels the cleanest way to resolve the improper methodology used is to reverse the 2017 Assessment Roll, then the Board of Review will send out new letters and another Board of Review meeting set to be held March 21 & 22, 2018 for those who appeal to the Board of Review. Mr. Bork went on to say that if a building was destroyed on the property and certain other circumstances, those properties will remain as assessed for the 2017 year. Ford County will have a multiplier next year possibly the year after. Cindy Ihrke asked since the law was broken why can't this year be voided? State's Attorney Andrew Killian commented that

it may be possible for the township officials to put on their own multiplier to help with what the county may receive. Mr. Bork continued more work by all the multi-township assessors this next year will need to be done to help get us back where we need to be. Mr. Bork thanked State's Attorney Killian for all his help with the Board of Review with this issue.

Mr. Nuss made the motion to put on the floor to discuss a letter of resignation from Patricia Langland. After discussion, Dr. Ray seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Patricia Langland.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:22 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to go into Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for personnel reasons. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

At 7:37 P.M. Mr. McCall made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

**Mr. Ferguson made the motion to hire Candice Short the former Supervisor of Assessments at \$60.00 per hour for a maximum of 60 days. After discussion, Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

****Revised at County Board Meeting held March 12, 2018 to now read, the Supervisor of Assessment salary is currently set at \$54,000.00 per year. Candice Short will be paid said salary for Supervisor of Assessments. At the conclusion of her service the Ford County Board reserves the right to compensate her additional moneys to be paid by the county without expectation of reimbursement from the Illinois Department of Revenue.****

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept the revised minutes on Feb. 22, 2018. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Nuss made the motion to table the bid for new computers in the Supervisor of Assessment Office until we re-evaluate the office. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept the bid from MCS for backup and recovery in the Assessment, Coroner, Treasurer and County Clerk's Office. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolutions 18 – 26 & 18 -27 (Re-appointing Michael Griffin and Robert Link to the Board of Review.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn stated an Insurance and Personnel meeting will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Clark seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:48 P.M.

I. PROCLAMATION

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____