

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 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, March 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, Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Mr. Hastings was not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Mr. Otto

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Berger moved to revise the Agenda by moving IV. Insurance/Personnel to after Executive Session. Mr. McQuinn made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. McQuinn moved to revise the Feb. 22, 2018 Special County Board Minutes to correct the wording for the IL. Dept. of Revenue and he asked Clerk Frederick to read a prepared statement. Clerk Frederick read the following, “ Under G. Executive Session the Feb. 22, 2018 Special County Board Minutes should now read as follows, 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 IL. Department of Revenue.” Mr. Berger also moved to revise the Feb. 12, 2018 County Board Minutes to correct the wording, under N. Chairman Report to now read, “Eastern Economic Development will issue bonds in Douglas County.” Mr. McQuinn moved to approve the revised February 12th & 22nd, 2018 Minutes. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Donald Hansen first read a statement in support of the growth of Windfarms in Ford County.
- Mr. Ronald Moore spoke to the board also in support of Windfarm growth in Ford County. He also stated that land owners should be allowed to do what they want to do with their own property with in reason.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey spoke to the board stating that all of the Probation Officers are now a member of the IPCSA.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Kim Evans asked if there were any questions about her monthly report. There were none. Mr. McCall asked if there were any trials coming up. After consulting with State's Attorney Killian, Mr. Killian confirmed there will be trials in April.

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

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger stated that East Central Community Action had their annual meeting and that he and the board members received several letters from Ford County residents in support of the Windfarms.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Dr. Ray seconded it.
Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall spoke to the Board about Sheriff Doran needing a new squad car. After discussion it was decided that Sheriff Doran has permission start looking for a new car.

III. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 28 (Low Bids for 2018 Twp. Maintenance with IDOT)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Berger asked Mr. Otto to set up an Overview Meeting soon.

V. Sheriff

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 29 (Law Enforcement Contract with Gibson Area Hospital Ambulance)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – 1 Abstained
(Dr. Ray – Abstained)

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **accept Resolution 18 – 30 (Bid proposal with Allied Mechanical Services, Inc. for a Cooled Condensing Unit for the Courthouse)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

VI. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Clark moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
Sheriff Doran discussed a Special Class coming up for the Correction staff.
- 2. Union Affairs McQuinn
- 3. 708 Board Berger
- 4. WIA Berger/Lindgren
- 5. Ford Public Health Dept. Berger
Lana Sample stated the numbers in the Treasurer’s Report may be off but should match later. Public Health Dept. is preparing for National Public Health week. She also spoke she hopes to have someone hired soon for a vacant position in their office.
- 6. Regional Office of Education Berger
- 7. 9-1-1 Johnson
- 8. Zoning Hastings
Zoning Meeting March 14, 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

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:36 P.M. Mr. Berger stated the need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel Reasons. Mr. McQuinn made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

At 8:03 P.M. Mr. Otto made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

T. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 31 (Allowing the Supervisor of Assessments to hire an Assistant to the SOA)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to receive permission to hold a State Test performed by the IL. Dept. of Revenue at a date yet to be determined. Dr. Ray seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Dr. Ray made the motion to receive permission to run a Want AD for a new Supervisor of Assessments at a date yet to be determined. Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The Resolution to appoint a new Supervisor of Assessments has been removed at this time. Mr. McQuinn asked permission to start looking for new bids for the County’s Insurance.

U. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Dr. Ray seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:09 P.M.

V. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____