

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019

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 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman, Chase McCall.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Debbie Smith, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss and Vice Chairman Chase McCall. Chairman Lindgren was not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman McCall

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After discussion, it was decided to add under New Business of the December 4, 2018 Special County Board Minutes a line stating: Discussion regarding setbacks from property lines. Mr. McQuinn moved to approve the revised December 4, 2018 and the December 10 & 13, 2018 Board Minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kaylyn Davis asked for the board to consider a “Q” & “A” session with the windfarm companies for residents of Ford County.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey was not present at the meeting. Dr. Ray stated she would like to know more information about the Pre-Trails next month.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Kim Evans stated her office had very full days of trial last week and trials will probably go all week this week also.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker stated she is getting things ready for the new auditor for FY 2018 Audit. She spoke briefly about pending reimbursements.

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

Kim Hooper Supervisor of Assessments stated exemptions went out and her office is working on the 2019 quad assessments.

M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Lindgren is attending the National Farm Bureau on behalf of the county.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall stated that due to a clerical error, there was a need to revise Resolution 19 – 02 Setting Salaries for certain Department Heads.

After discussion, Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 16 (Revising Resolution 19 – 01 Salary Increases for Certain Department Heads)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 17 (Allowing the Treasurer to hire a Part-time Employee)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McCall stated the county board set Resolution 18 – 36 allowing the Supervisor of Assessments to hire there was a salary limit set and now that a raises have been approved, that resolution needs to be updated.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 18 (Revising Resolution 18 - 36 Allowing the SOA to hire)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McCall stated the next resolution will be setting the per diem rates for mileage reimbursement for 2019 because we were unable to confirm the per diem amount after 1,000 miles of reimbursement, he would like to strike that part of the sentence and end the sentence at \$.58 cents per mile.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt the revised Resolution 19 – 19 (Setting the Per Diem Rates for Mileage Reimbursement for 2019)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

III. Highway

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

There was a brief discussion on the GATA Audit.

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt the Resolution 19 – 20 (Hiring Terry Whitebird as the Ford County EMA Director for a 4 Year Term)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

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

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 21 (Allowing the Sheriff to hire a Telecommunicator)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 22 (Appointing Sheriff's Merit Commissioners A. Scheutte & D. Berry)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 23 & 19 – 24 (2 – Contracts for Law Enforcement Services)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Smith moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (*) = Chairman of that Committee)

1. Mobile Region 8
Will meet next month. Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs
McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board
Dr. Ray
4. WIA
Lindgren/Smith
5. Ford Public Health Dept.
Lana Sample spoke briefly about her Resolution to hire a nurse and that she has a Board of Health Meeting on Tuesday night January 15, 2019. Lindgren
6. Regional Office of Education
Lindgren/McCall
7. 9-1-1
Mr. Nuss stated they met on Dec. 12, 2018 and January 9, 2019 and they are working on a lot of different things. Nuss
8. Zoning
Mr. Ferguson stated they met on Dec. 13, 2018 and reviewed the WECS Ordinance and he would like to set a meeting for Tuesday, January 17, 2019 @ 9AM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse and a Special County Board Meeting January 24, 2019 @ 7PM in the Large Courtroom in the Courthouse. *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/A. Ihrke/C. Ihrke
9. CIRMA
Nuss/McCall
10. Extension
Johnson/A. Ihrke
11. E.M.A./LEPC
Lindgren
12. Information Technology
Mr. Nuss would like to set up a meeting soon. Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 25 (Allowing Public Health Dept. to hire a Full-Time Nurse)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McCall read the following statement:

In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, we would like to allow the Chairman to sign any and all Resolutions, Ordinances and Contracts passed tonight at the **January 14, 2019** County Board meeting when he returns.

Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:53 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for Personnel Reasons. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

At 8:25 P.M. Mr. Johnson made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Smith seconded it.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. Smith seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:26 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

A Special County Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Large Courtroom in the Courthouse.

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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