

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

## **DECEMBER 9, 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, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Board Chairman, Robert Lindgren.

### **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, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Robert Lindgren.

### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Chairman Lindgren

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

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

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

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve the November 11, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

### **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

- Clerk & Recorder Amy Frederick made the following announcements:

Due to incorrect information unintentionally being transmitted to the Ford County Clerk & Recorder's Office, the address of the Button Township building needs to be corrected. The correct address for the Button Township building "Polling Place" is: 2379 E. 200N. Rd., Paxton, IL. 60957. The Ford County Clerk & Recorder's Office will soon issue new voter's cards along with a letter explaining the correct address and a new advertisement will be submitted to the local newspaper and can be found on the Ford County website at [fordcounty.illinois.gov](http://fordcounty.illinois.gov).

- The Lottery for ballot placement for the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election due to candidates filing their nominating petitions at the same time will be held on December 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Ford County Clerk & Recorder's Office in the Courthouse, 200 W. State St., Room 101, Paxton, IL. 60957.

- Johnathan Powers introduced himself and spoke briefly to the board about his resolution to be appointed to the Ford County Board of Review.

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

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey went briefly went through her reports.

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

Circuit Clerk Evans briefly went through her month's activities.

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

Treasurer Shoemaker was not present.

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

Supervisor of Assessments briefly discussed her month's activities.

## 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. McQuinn moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Lindgren discussed briefly meetings he attended last month.

## O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### I. Environment

Mr. May briefly spoke on a waste collection program starting in 2021.

### II. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. May made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 01 (Defining Certain Non-Union Employee's Salaries)**. After discussion a spelling correction was found and Mr. May amended his motion to include the spelling correction. Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 02 (Ordinance for Certificate of Tax Levy for FY 2020)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 03 (Appointment of Johnathan Powers to the Ford County Board of Review)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

### III. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 04 (Resolution for a Snow Removal Policy)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 05 (Preliminary Engineer Agreement for replacing a bridge)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 06 (Resolution Appropriating Funds for Payment of the County Engineer's Salary for FY 2020)**. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn asked the county's insurance broker Mr. Marty Nuss to look into offering the employees different options of health insurance. Mr. McQuinn asked Clerk & Recorder Frederick to take a questionnaire among the employees and the results were 17 to stay the same and 4 to change. After discussion it was decided to try to offer different options at a later time.

## V. Overview/Legislation

### VI. Sheriff

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 07-10 (4 – Village Contracts for County Law Enforcement with the Vil. of Cabery, Vil. of Kempton, Vil. of Sibley & Vil. of Piper City)**.  
Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 11 (Appointing J. Cornett, E. Evans, L. Blanchard & T. Biggs to ETSB)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 12 (Allowing Sheriff to hire a Part-Time Deputy Clerk)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

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

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

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

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren  
1:00 P.M. December 10, 2019
2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith  
Mr. Lindgren briefly discussed the last meeting he attended.
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren  
Lana Sample hired someone for Comm. Heath Education and Lana is working on a new Census Grant.
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall  
Next meeting will be held January 2020.
7. 9-1-1 Nuss  
Will meet on Dec. 11, 2019 at the Roberts Fire Station @ 7:00 P.M.
8. Zoning \*Ferguson/May/McQuinn/  
Mr. Ferguson set the next meeting to be held on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom and all County Board members are encouraged to attend to discuss the current proposed Wind Farm Ordinance.
9. CIRMA McCall/Smith  
Next meeting will be held January 2020.
10. Extension \*Johnson/A. Ihrke
11. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird  
Mr. Whitebird briefly discussed the month's activities.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. A. Ihrke spoke briefly on the steps needed to start the V.A.C.

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Circuit Clerk Evans thanked all employees and local businesses for their donations for the food drive.

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Ray moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:11 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION:**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_