

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

February 8, 2010

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 8, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Tom McQuinn, Dave Hastings, Randy Ferguson, Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Mrs. Haskins, Mr. Hewerdine and Mr. Bork were absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Bowen

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the January 11, 2010 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Zoning, Sheriff, ESDA and Highway and to place them on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris informed the board that Shanna has started a girls group at the PBL High School and Ellen is in the process of starting a juvenile boys program at GCMS. Bob and Shanna attended a self injury seminar in regard to why adolescents harm themselves.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans presented her monthly report. They had jury for 2 weeks. She is hosting the Circuit Clerk Zone Meeting on February 25.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Mrs. Krumwiede handed out a graph showing the financial trend. She wanted the

board to be aware of the financial problem. Mr. Bowen asked the Department Heads to be very conservative and to use their dedicated funds when possible. The audit is 90% done.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers reports and to place them on file. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Mrs. Kellerhals thanked all the board members who helped with the election. She said that it went well.

M. Chairman Report

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Short informed the board that the Manatron contract will be adjusted, because there is no warranty or maintenance on the 4-year old computers. This will reduce the amount of the contract by \$6,800.

Mrs. Short requested that the chairman be allowed to sign a contract allowing Sidwell to do a flight to acquire new color aerial photography covering all of Ford County in March of 2010. She received 2 other proposals from other companies. Her proposal from Sidwell was the lowest at \$43,875 for 1". She then received a second proposal from Sidwell for ½ " at a cost of \$48,855. 9-1-1 and the Sheriff would benefit from the ½" flight. This will be paid out of the GIS dedicated fund. Mr. Higgins was going to consult the 9-1-1 board to see if they could help finance it. After discussion, Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the second proposal at a cost of \$48,855. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 10-26 (IDOT County Maintenance Resolution for appropriation of MFT funds)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto informed the board that the Highway Committee accepted the bid from Bruens Construction of \$4,844 to replace the 4 entrance doors and accepted a bid from JC Heating and Cooling of \$4,900 to replace the furnace

and air conditioner.

4. Insurance/Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Hastings and Mr. Bowen looked at the old Paxton Hospital Building which is for sale. They said it was in good shape, but just too large for the county's needs.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, ESDA & Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **Resolution 10-27 (contract for County Law Enforcement with Village of Elliott)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Higgins reported that he had received an EMA Grant of \$5,525 and a \$500 LHPC Grant.

The exercise yard is almost complete and will be used as soon as the weather improves. There is an average of 43 inmates currently being housed in the jail.

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger made a motion that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8 | Sheriff Doran |
| 2. Solid Waste | Mr. May |
| 3. Union Affairs | Mrs. Haskins |
| 4. East Central Illinois Community Action | Mr. Berger |
| 5. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| Mr. Berger moved to adopt Resolution 10-28 (appointing new members, June Bishop, Dr. Neil Nelson, Julie Steinman and Dianna McMurray to the 708 Board) . Mr. Ferguson seconded it. | |
| | Voice Vote - Carried |
| 6. WIA | Mr. Bowen |
| 7. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| 8. Regional Office of Education | Mr. Bowen |
| 9. Community Economic Development Foundation | Mr. Ferguson |
| 10. 9-1-1 | Mr. Hastings |
| Eric Evans is the new chairman of the 9-1-1 Board | |
| 11. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension | Mr. Hastings |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

None

Q. NEW BUSINESS:

None

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

S. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

T. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Bowen

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved _____