

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 14, 2017**

### **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, August 14, 2017 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: Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Dr. Bernadette Ray and Dave Hastings were not in attendance.

### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Floyd Otto, Jr.

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

Mr. Otto made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

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

Mr. McCall moved to approve the July 10, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

### **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

- Orry Cummings, EIT with Smartwatt spoke to the Board about their company and how they could help make the County more conservative with utilities and maintenance.
- Dallas Glazik introduced himself as a new employee with the Ford County Soil & Water Conservation and let the Board know if they needed anything to feel free to contact him.
- Mr. Chris Morrison updated the board on the negotiation process of the Kelly Creek Windfarm. Mr. McQuinn suggested that the Wind Farm needs to be contacted and attend the September Board Meeting. It was decided that Mr. Berger would draft a letter and contact them.

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

Ellen Maxey went through her monthly report. She mentioned she is closer to making a decision about a new hire. Mrs. Maxey also discussed that Handles of Hope in Gibson City has donated bags with toiletries for those on probation in need of them. Pre-Trial requirements will be implemented on October 1, 2017.

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

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities. Mrs. Evans stated that her office is in training for E-Filing and that there may be a Jury Trial on October 10, 2017.

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

Chairman Berger briefly went through the Treasurer's 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. McQuinn moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Chairman Berger stated that he attended a windfarm meeting on some issues with bonds for a chemical plant. Mr. Ferguson questioned which company that Mr. Berger met with. Mr. Berger replied they met with EDF. Mr. Ferguson inquired if the concerns of the citizens in the Kelly Creek Windfarm were brought up? Mr. Berger replied that there was a set Agenda with Attorneys present.

## **O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **I. Environment**

### **II. Finance**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **III. Highway**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **IV. Insurance/Personnel**

### **V. Overview/Legislation**

### **VI. Sheriff**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

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

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

Voice Vote – Carried

## **P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

### **1. Mobile Region 8**

**Met on the 8<sup>TH</sup> and discussed training for next year.**

Doran/Lindgren

### **2. Union Affairs**

McQuinn

### **3. EIED**

Ferguson

### **4. 708 Board**

Berger

### **5. WIA**

Berger/Lindgren

### **6. Ford Public Health Dept.**

Berger

**Lana Sample told the Board they are waiting for FY 2017 payments from the State and that they are working on the Flu Clinic. Also, the Board of Health approved a contract with the State of Illinois to perform Liquor Inspections.**

**Mr. Berger made the motion to appoint Marcia Peznowski and the re-appointment of Kate Austman, Randy Berger, Kevin Brucker, Laurelyn Cropek, Mike Short and Mark Spangler to the Ford County Public Health Board. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.**

Voice Vote – Carried

### **7. Regional Office of Education**

Berger

### **8. 9-1-1**

Johnson

**Met last Wednesday they had a presentation on DATA Recall recording and discussed updating it up the road.**

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| 9. Zoning       | Hastings |
| 10. CIRMA       | Nuss     |
| 11. Extension   | Johnson  |
| 12. E.M.A./LEPC | Higgins  |

Lana Sample spoke again to the Board with information about Emergency Management. Ford County is required to have an ESDA which it does but it is not accredited with the State. Ford County is not compliant with a current and approved Emergency Operations Plan, planning and completing exercises, and NIMS training of County Board members and employees. The largest benefit to accreditation is Ford County being eligible for State and Federal dollars for disaster expenses.

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| 13. Information Technology | Nuss |
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**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-55 (to sell a property in the Village of Kempton)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-56 (for elected Dept. Heads who qualify for membership in IMRF)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-57 (appointing Kathy Taylor and affirming the terms of Jim Wesslund, Lila Parsons, Harold Medler, Don Jensen and Laurie Finch to the County Housing Authority Board Members)**. Mr. Clark seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-58 (appointing Drainage Dist. Commissioners – Douglas W. Niewold, Roger M. Read, Jason Stuckey, Floyd M. Otto, Jr., Jeff Riebe, Ronald Arends, Mark Weber, Randy L. Kinzinger, Stanley Vetter, Dean Swan, Ronald Bork, Brandon Grubbs and Gerald H. Burklund)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There is a need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel.

At 8:33 P.M. Mr. McQuinn made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

At 8:49 P.M. Mr. Otto made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:51 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_