

## **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

### **June 13, 2011**

#### **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, June 13, 2011 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, Pat Haskins, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Berger, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Randy Ferguson was absent.

#### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Floyd Otto

#### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the May 9, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Otto seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

#### **F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk Kellerhals read a thank you for the memorial for Randy Berger's mother.

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

#### **H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly and semi-annual reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMS, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

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

Mrs. Morris presented her Probation Semi-annual and monthly report. She reported that 1,786 hours of community service were worked in the last 6 months. She informed the Board that the state had reimbursed the county their share of the probation salaries. She asked the board to allow her to hire a full-time probation officer to fill the vacant spot of Robert Campbell. The budget for the state's 2012 fiscal year has allocated the same amount of money that they did this year. She has also applied for a \$300,000 federal grant for the county. The grant will help cover the entire salary of a proposed part-time coordinator for the mandated drug court program. Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-27 (allowing her to hire a full-time probation officer to replace her vacant position in the Probation Office)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

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

Mrs. Evans reported that jury trials are scheduled for July 11.

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

Treasurer Hastings gave a review in regard to her report. She said that the taxes for the first installment have been collected.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly and Semi- annual reports and to place them on file. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

## **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen said that he had talked with Cindy Ihrke and she would like an opportunity to have a round table meeting so that the board can understand the wind farm concern. The round table discussion will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at 9:00 A.M. in the training room.

Mr. Perkinson explained the proposed road use agreement. This agreement only allows E.On and its workers specific roads in Ford County when hauling heavy equipment during construction of the windfarm. Prior to construction, the firm would be required to pay the majority of an administrative fee to the Ford County Highway.

If the law is changed in 2016, which would mean a reduction in revenue to the county and its taxing bodies, E.On would continue to pay the same rate as the firm would today.

Mr. Bowen reported that Attorney Jerry Niemann has reviewed the road agreement and the Tax Value – Hold Harmless Agreement.

## **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

The 2009-10 audit was presented to the board members. Mrs. Stagen asked that everyone review it and consult with her if there are any questions. The audit will be approved at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Ordinance 11-28 (setting a \$5.00 fee to be charged by the Ford County Circuit Clerk for Drug Court)** and **Ordinance 11-29 (setting a \$10.00 fee to be charged by the Ford County Circuit Clerk for Drug Court)**. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 11-30 (approving Civil Union License**



Fee). Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

### 3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-31 (Prevailing Wage Resolution)**. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-32 (accepting the low bid for box culvert construction in Rogers Township)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-33 (Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Windfarm Overload Analysis Various Routes)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### 4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt **Resolution 11-34 (renewing the health insurance contract with the Department of Central Management Services July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)**. Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Clerk Kellerhals talked about the problems with the health insurance options. Hopefully, this will be resolved before June 17.

### 5. Overview/Legislation

The board reviewed an architectural study regarding the space and storage needs of each department in the courthouse.

The board will be meeting with the Public Building Commission on Tuesday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Small Court Room of the Courthouse.

### 6. Sheriff

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn moved to recommend to the Public Building Commission that the jail project be put out for bids for further consideration. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to allow Dennis Higgins to use the county car for travel to the training in Maryland. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### 7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Mobile Region 8  | Sheriff Doran |
| Things seem to be financially sound with the organization |               |
| 2. Union Affairs  | Mrs. Haskins  |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority        | Mrs. Stagen   |
| 4. 708 Board  | Mr. Berger    |
| 5. WIA  | Mr. Bowen     |
| Aren't adding jobs as fast as they hoped                  |               |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health                          | Mrs. Stagen   |
| Have a new alert system siren.                            |               |
| 7. Regional Office of Education                           | Mr. Bowen     |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation              | Mr. Ferguson  |
| 9. 9-1-1  | Mr. Johnson   |
| Talked about relocating the tower.                        |               |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 11. Zoning  | Mr. Johnson   |
| 12. CIRMA   | Mr. Bowen     |
| Meeting at 9:30 A.M. – June 30                            |               |
| 13. Extension   | Mr. Johnson   |
| Reception for Karen Moore on June 28 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.   |               |
| 14. E.M.A.  | Mr. Higgins   |

**P. OLD BUSINESS**

**Q. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-35 (Appointment of Joseph Adams as Commissioner of Lyman Township Drainage District)** Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to adopt **Resolution 11-36 (appointment of Jeffrey Elder as Trustee of the Elliott Fire District) and Resolution 11-37 (approval of bond for Jeffrey Elder).** Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

**Mr. Bowen announced that a full County Board Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room to vote on the road agreement and the Tax Value – Hold Harmless Agreement**

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote –Carried  
The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

**The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 16, at 5:00 P.M.  
The next monthly meeting will be Monday, July 11, at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_