

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 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, December 12, 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, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Pat Haskins and Richard Hewerdine were absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the November 4, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Josh Harms, candidate running for 106th State Representative District, introduced himself and spoke on his reasons for running as State Representative.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris presented her monthly and annual reports.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that she just finished sending out jury questionnaires.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report.

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen thanked everyone for filing petitions for a board member position. He said that he had talked with Steve Kelley, from One Earth Energy, to talk about the possibility of extending

the enterprise zone. Two representatives will be here in February to discuss this.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

They're working on the solid waste plan.

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.**

Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Ordinance 12-01 (the 2012 Levy Ordinance.)**

Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Lindgren
seconded the motion. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to approve **Resolution 12-02 (requesting the approval of the use of moneys allocated under MFT).** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to approve **Resolution 12-03 (appropriating funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary).** Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **approve Agreements between County of Ford and Button Rd District, between County of Ford and Rogers Rd District and between County of Ford and Mona Rd District.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

6. Sheriff

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Haskins moved to **approve the Contract for County Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Sibley.** Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8

Sheriff Doran said that there was a special meeting to iron out differences between the director and the asst. director. Sheriff Doran

2. Union Affairs

Next meeting is December 19, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Haskins

3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority

Mrs. Stagen

4. 708 Board

Mr. Berger

- Meets tomorrow
- 5. WIA
- Meets Decemb.r 19.
- 6 Ford-Iroquois Board of Health
Dr. Bernadette Ray will be the new president for next year.
- 7. Regional Office of Education
- 8. Community Economic Development Foundation
The \$150,000 grant has been approved. It may take a while to receive.
- 9. 9-1-1
- Meeting this week
- 10. I.H.R. & CD
- 11. Zoning
- 12. CIRMA
- 13. Extension
- 14. E.M. A.

- Mr. Bowen
- Mrs. Stagen
- Mr. Bowen
- Mr. Ferguson
- Mr. Johnson
- Mr. Bowen
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- Mr. Bowen
- Mr. Johnson
- Mr. Higgins

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Otto moved to approve the appointment of Richard Gentes as Trustee to the Sullivant Fire Protection District. Mr.Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:45 P.M.

PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
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County Clerk

Approved: _____