FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
August 8, 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, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Vice Chairman, Elynor Stagen.

B. ROLL CALL:
The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss and Elynor Stagen. Rick Bowen was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION: Elynor Stagen

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION: Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Mrs. Haskins moved that the July 11 and July 18, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it. 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, EMS, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:
Mrs. Morris reported that there were 7 new adult and 4 new juvenile cases. There are no individuals in residential treatment. Morris is working on her annual plan and performance phase reports.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:
Mrs. Evans presented her report. Questions were asked in regard to different procedures in her office such as child support and order of protection. Evans said that her office was accepted for skyping which will help her office with the order of protection process.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:
Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She informed the board that there is a new highway fund for the wind farm account.

There will be a sealed bid auction for 2 county properties. Catalogs describing these properties, can be purchased For $2.00 in the Treasurers office. Sealed bids need to be in the Treasurer's office by 4:00 p.m. on August 25. The web site address is www.iltaxsale.com

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Larry Knilands asked the board if they received a letter requesting a half-way house for 15 prisoners to transition from prison to society. Members of the board expressed that they are not in favor of this kind of facility in our county. Larry asked the board if they would submit their opinion in writing. Mr. McQuinn moved that the board stand united as a county board against the building of a half-way house and that the Finance Committee handle their decision. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment
2. **Finance**

   Mr. Otto presented the board with a bill from Gorski Reifsteck, who were the architects involved with the preliminary design for the Probation Department. Their bill went over budget by $297.36. The amount of the bill is $1432.36. Mr. Otto moved to pay the bill. Mr. Berger seconded it.

   Roll Call: 10 yeas; 1 nay;
   (Mr. Ferguson voted nay)

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

   Mr. Ferguson moved **to adopt Ordinance 11-841 (amended Animal Ordinance from July , 1996).** Mr. Nuss 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

4. **Insurance/Personnel**

5. **Overview/Legislation**

6. **Sheriff**

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

   Roll Call – Unanimous

7. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**
Mr. Otto moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.
Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8	Sheriff Doran
2. Union Affairs	Mrs. Haskins
Waiting on review for Probation Department	
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority	Mrs. Stagen
4. 708 Board	Mr. Berger
Mr. Berger said they are looking for budget cuts.	
5. WIA	Mr. Bowen
6 Ford-Iroquois Board of Health	Mrs. Stagen
Went over bills	
7. Regional Office of Education	Mr. Bowen
8. Community Economic Development Foundation	Mr. Ferguson
9. 9-1-1	Mr. Johnson
Updating of GIS software for 911 and all will go through training	
10. I.H.R. & CD	Mr. Bowen
11. Zoning	Mr. Johnson
12. CIRMA	Mr. Bowen
13. Extension	Mr. Johnson
14. E.M. A.	Mr. Higgins

P. OLD BUSINESS:
None

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:
Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt **Resolutions 11- 44 (approving the appointments of 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, David Gibb, Robert Immke and Gerald H. Burklund as Drainage Commissioners).** Mrs. Haskins seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:50 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION
Elynor Stagen

The next monthly meeting will be <u>Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals

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County Clerk

Approved: ____________