

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
March 14, 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, March 14, 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, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewardine Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, and Rick Bowen. Pat Haskins and Elynor Stagen were absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Doran

Sheriff

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Otto

Floyd

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the February 14, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. Rich Porter asked the board to consider what they are doing to this county. The wind mills are causing great concern. He reminded them that they were elected to take

care of all of the people in the county, not just those people for whom it is advantageous.

He said that there is much concern about the proposed gasification plant as well.

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. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris reported that there are no juveniles in placement. 4 new adult cases and 5 new juvenile cases were filed. The department received federal grants for training for drug court from the Justice Bureau.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that monies have been coming in. They are preparing for the next jury trial

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings introduced her new chief deputy, Penny Stevens. She explained the Treasurers report. We received some reimbursements from the state. We have a balance of \$478,738.27.

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers reports and

to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote –
Carried

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

Clerk Kellerhals announced that there will be a General Consolidated Election on April 5. She asked if there would be a couple of board members that would be available to help the election judges carry in their supplies.

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen reported that it was a quiet month. He announced that the City of Gibson

had received notification that the AME Gasification Company is no longer interested.

The ECO Company is still interested and would like to meet with the board. A Meeting date was set for Monday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the small courtroom.

All board members are encouraged to attend. This meeting is also open to the public.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mr. Berger moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills.

Mr. May seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

All employees will be required to go on direct deposit as of April 1.

3. Highway

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

seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 11-19(to accept the low bids for the 2011 Township MFT maintenance projects)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance /Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

The committee needs to meet with the Public Building Commission in regard to the estimates from the engineers for the remodeling of the Courthouse basement.

6. Sheriff

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

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. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote -

Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Sheriff
- Doran **Our county hosted all day training for law updates.**
- 2. Union Affairs Mrs.
- Haskins
- 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Mrs. Stagen
- 4. 708 Board Mr.
- Berger **Will meet next week to discuss budget cuts on Headstart**
- 5. WIA Mr.
- Bowen
- 6 Ford-Iroquois Board of Health Mrs. Stagen
- 7. Regional Office of Education Mr.
- Bowen
- 8. Community Economic Development Foundation Mr.
- Ferguson **Updates on Incubator Project.**

- Hastings
9. 9-1-1 Mr.
- Action vote to narrow band radio systems**
10. I.H.R. & CD Mr. Bowen
- Choosing not to attend this meeting**
11. Zoning
12. CIRMA Mr. Bowen
- Clerk Kellerhals informed the board that we have not received this year's property Insurance policies. The auditor has requested to see them ASAP.**
13. Extension
14. E.M. A. Mr. Higgins
- Mr. Higgins informed the board that we are 1 of 16 counties that may receive aid from the Snow storm.**

P. OLD BUSINESS:

None

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bowen moved to appoint Jason Johnson as the new board member in District 1. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call Unanimous

Clerk Kellerhals then swore in Jason Johnson as District 1 board member.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn; Mr. Otto seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:55 P.M.

Dorans

U. PROCLAMATION Sheriff

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____