

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
May 9, 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, May 9, 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 Ferguson, Randy Berger, Gene May, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen. Richard Hewerdine was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

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D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the April 11, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Otto seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ann Ihrke asked the board to review their wind farm ordinances in regard to setbacks, application fees, etc. She asked that a 2-year moratorium be adopted on future wind farm special use permits. This would give the county time to review the potential impact of wind farms in Ford County. She passed out articles to the board that contained updates found in regard to wind farms.

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. Mrs. Stagen seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Last week, Mrs. Morris was in Minnesota, with 7 others, attending drug court training. A grant allowed these individuals to attend at no cost to the county. This team of local experts will help to initiate a program for the severe drug and alcoholic addicts, helping them to avoid jail sentences, but will hold them accountable. She said that their training may help them get grants for our county drug court.

She said that 8 new adult cases and 7 new juvenile cases were filed with the department in April. Mrs. Morris reported that the state recently stated that the State's budget for

2012 fiscal year was \$81.4 million for probation departments in Illinois, which reflects an 11 million dollar increase from the highest reimbursement previously received from the state. She asked the board to consider approving her resolution to replace her vacant position in the Probation Office. It was decided to table the resolution until next month.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that an architect inspected the department offices in the courthouse. It is part of a study into expansion needs. Questions were asked in regard to a bill not paid for jurors lunches. A question was asked about an Arcade bill for jury lunches as well.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings gave a review in regard to her report. Hastings and her chief deputy received their certificates for completing the FEMA courses. The property tax bills were mailed out today (May 9, 2011). The first installment will be due on June 10th.

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

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen reported that he attended the Regional Board of Education meeting. They discussed testing the students more often so that they can react on the results quicker.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

They had a meeting in regard to making changes with the waste hauler ordinance.

2. Finance

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

Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to pay the Aramark bill for jury mills at a cost of \$63. Mr. Berger 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 adopt **Resolution 11-22 (approving the payment of \$6,084 in MFT fund for work completed last year for the resurfacing of Elliott Road (the difference between estimated and the real cost))**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

4. Insurance /Personnel

Mr. McQuinn said that we are continuing to work on health insurance options for employees.

The board agreed to limit tours of the old county sheriff’s jail building. Tours will only be allowed when scheduled at least 24 hours in advance and when the premises can be inspected for safety hazards prior to a tour. Anyone wanting a tour, is requested to call Chairman Bowen.

5. Overview/Legislation

The committee will be meeting with the Public Building Commission on Tuesday, May 24, in the small courtroom, to discuss options for the courthouse and the addition of jail cells.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins 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. Johnson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8 | Sheriff Doran |
| 2. Union Affairs | Mrs. Haskins |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority | Mrs. Stagen |
| 4. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| Mr. Berger said that the Head Start program graduated its first class. | |
| 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 |
| 9. 9-1-1 | Mr. Johnson |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 11. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension | Mr. Johnson |
| Met last Thursday for their final Ford/Iroquois Extension Meeting. Starting July 1st, the Extension will be Ford, Iroquois, Champaign and Vermilion County affiliated. The office in Onarga will remain for the next year. | |
| 14. E.M. A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

None

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 11-23 (2011 Ford County Reapportionment Plan)**. Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

County Clerk Kellerhals thanked Candice Short for her help in forming the reapportionment plan.

Mrs. Haskins moved to **approve the reappointment and Bond of William Ommen as trustee of Cullom Fire Protection District**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 11-24 (approving the reappointment and bond of William Manhart as Piper City Fire Trustee)**. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to **adopt Resolution 11-25 (reappointing Ronald Moore to the Zoning Board of Appeals)**.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 11-26 (reappointing Candice Short as Supervisor of Assessments)**.

Roll Call – Unanimous

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:04 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____