

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

March 9, 2015

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 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Rick Bowen, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Berger. Floyd Otto was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Dave Hastings

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Nuss moved to approve the board agenda. Mrs. Stagen seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Bowen moved that the February 9, 2015, board minutes be approved. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that there were 8 new adult and 2 new juvenile cases filed. There were 2 PSI's completed. There are 4 adults in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There is 1 adult placed in group home. Their drug court is being evaluated. 2 participants have successfully completed drug court in February. All board members are invited to the graduation ceremony in the afternoon on April 29. Juvenile Justice Council is meeting on April 9th. They have not received any feedback in regard to the JJC grant.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans informed the board that they will start going live with collections next week. They have started allowing the use of credit cards for payment. The person has to pay the credit card fee. There will be a large jury trial coming up in April.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens presented her report. The county has a balance of \$29,633.01 as of February 28, 2015.

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Hastings moved to approve all department head reports. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger informed the Board that he has been keeping busy attending several meetings and working on issues with the FPHD and financial issues.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve **payment of the General Fund bills**. Mr. Bowen seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-13 (transferring funds from animal control, capital improvement and WECS to the General Fund)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-14 (enforcing Hiring Freeze)**. Mr. May seconded it.

Voice Vote- Carried

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-15 (increasing the Circuit Clerk's Document Storage Fee)**. Mr. Bowen seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

3. Highway

Mr. Lindgren moved to approve **payment of the Highway bills**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt **Resolution 15-16 (accepting bids for Township MFT maintenance Projects)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn scheduled a Personnel Committee Meeting for Thursday, March 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the personnel policy manual and health insurance. A Meeting was held on February 9. They reviewed over the CIRMA audit and have Linda as the HR person for the time being. Linda was asked to update the policy manual as much as she could.

5. Overview/Legislation

6. Sheriff

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Lindgren 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

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
Will meet in 2 weeks
- 2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Stagen
- 3. ECIEDD Stagen
- 4. 708 Board Berger
Reviewing By-Laws
- 5. WIA Stagen
- 6. Ford County Public Health Department Berger
- 7. Regional Office of Education Berger/Stagen
- 8. 9-1-1 Johnson
Will meet this Wednesday at Piper City.
- 9. Zoning Hastings/Johnson
A planning Commission meeting will be held this Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Small court room.
- 10. CIRMA Nuss
- 11. Extension Johnson
Meeting will be held March 26 at the Linden Room in Rantoul at 6:00 p.m.
- 12. E.M.A. Higgins

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Berger moved to adopt **Resolution 15-17 (Withdrawing from the Ford Iroquois LEPC)**
Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Berger moved to adopt **Resolution 15-18 (reappointing Richard D. Hitchens as a Trustee of the Piper City Fire District and to approve his bond).** Mr. Hastings seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss moved to adopt **Resolution 15-19 (reappointing John Carson to the Zoning Board of Appeals).** Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Bowen was presented a plaque for his 12 years of dedicated service to the County Board.

Mr. Berger announced the appointment of Chase McCall to fill Mr. Bowen’s position as District 3 Board Member.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:53 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

After adjournment, Clerk Kellerhals swore Mr. McCall in to be the newly appointed District 3 Board Member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: 4/13/15