

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

March 12, 2012

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 12, 2012 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, Pat Haskins, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss and Chairman Bowen. Mrs. Stagen was absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Bowen

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the February 14, 2012 minutes be approved. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Stephen Bloomstrand, representing the Rocket Supply business, explained what the business is. Rocket Supply is located in Roberts, IL and is constantly growing. They build fire trucks, rescue trucks, and outfit squad cars with warning lights, etc.

Diane Johnson, from CEDF, explained how their focus has been changed to helping existing businesses grow and develop. They are also starting an entrepreneur program for the high school students. She asked the board to consider donating to CEDF when they are doing their budget for the next fiscal year.

Tom Harrison handed out a letter requesting a reply within 30 days in regard to the wind farms. He is asking for a sound audiologist to study the sound disturbance on his property, etc. Mr. Bowen said that a written response would be sent to him.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, EMA, Zoning, Sheriff, and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Morris said that there were 16 new adult cases this month. She was busy completing her annual report and reapplied for the drug court grant. Mr. McQuinn moved to adopt **Resolution 12-13 (filling a vacancy for the position of Chief Deputy Clerk in the office of the Ford County Probation Department)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Morris said that Kasi Schwarz has been promoted to Probation officer.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans reported that there will be a jury in April. She has hired Debra Hudson as her new deputy clerk.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. She reported that Ford County has received the farm lease payments.

Mrs. Haskins 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 said that he is the secretary for the new proposed Paxton TIF District.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

Had a meeting on February 15, updating the Solid Waste Ordinance

2. Finance

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

Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Berger moved to adopt Resolution 12-14 (resolution to participate in State's Appellate Prosecutor program for year 2012). Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

3. Highway

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

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt Resolution 12-15 (accepting low bids for MFT maintenance projects and Lyman, Rogers (group 2 and 3) non-MFT projects). Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn said that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the personnel handbook and health insurance.

5. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Otto said that in October, they should look into the cash rent on the farms.

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren 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. Otto seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8

Sheriff Doran

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| 2. Union Affairs
Finishing the Probation union | Mrs. Haskins |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority | Mrs. Stagen |
| 4. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| 5. WIA | Mr. Bowen |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| 7. Regional Office of Education | Mr. Bowen |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation
Notice that we have received the \$150,000 grant for the Probation remodeling project. | Mr. Ferguson |
| 9. 9-1-1
Meeting on Wednesday | Mr. Johnson |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD | Mr. Bowen |
| 11. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 12. CIRMA | Mr. Bowen |
| 13. Extension
Met last Monday. Looking to fill empty positions. | Mr. Johnson |
| 14. E.M. A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Nuss said that his constituents of District 2 had some questions.

1. Who served on the Zoning Committee when the Wind Farm Ordinance was developed?
2. How can the wind farm setback be changed by a municipality? Mr. Knilands said that the municipality has to have a Zoning Committee and Planning Commission in place before it can happen.
3. Would the County consider reducing the fee for County Law Enforcement services. The board said that the fees are very reasonable and probably would not be reduced.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Otto seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:20 P.M..

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____