

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2013

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, February 11, 2013 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, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the January 14, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Patrick Doggett, representing State Congressman Kizinger, wanted to introduce himself. He also invited the board to Kizinger's open house in Watseka, on February 22. He said that they are in the same building Representative Harms is in.

Doug Corbett, from the Ford Iroquois Public Health Dept., was also in attendance. He said that there are no new developments in regard to the Public Health issue.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor informed the board that there 10 new adult cases filed. No new juvenile cases were filed.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans said that they are ready to start picking a new jury. It will be integrated with unemployed people.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The total cash on hand is \$569,375.61.

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:

M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen informed the board that he has been very busy. The Ford Iroquois Health Department will no longer pursue the Indiana project. There is a need for 3 volunteers to sit on an overview committee with the Ford Iroquois Health Department. Five people volunteered. Mr. Bowen would choose the three after the Board Meeting. This committee has to meet at least quarterly.

Bowen met with Royce Baier and WCIA TV at the old jail and sheriff residence.

N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

Mr. Berger said he attended a meeting in Champaign. There will be a session on March 4, in Springfield, in regard to hydraulic fracturing.

2. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous
(Mr. Hastings abstained in regard to Treasurer bills)

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 13-08 (Establishing a Class II or Class III Designated Truck Route).** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

4. Insurance/Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Royce Baier, representing the Paxton Foundation, commented on some of the questions that were asked in regard to the old jail and sheriff building proposal. Mr. Baier said that Mr. Ross, from Martensen and Niemann office, helped write the agreement. He said that the buyer cannot rezone property and that their first major concern would be to clean up and stabilize the exterior of the building. The exterior work will be completed in 2013. The rest of the work will be done as funding is procured.

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 13-09 (authorizing the chairman to hire outside legal counsel to review the Foundation’s proposal).** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Chairman Bowen informed the Foundation that the agreement could possibly be approved at the March Board Meeting.

6. Sheriff

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

RollCall – 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
Meeting tomorrow

Doran/Lindgren

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| 2. Union Affairs
Going into Mediation between the County and the FOP Union on Feb. 28 th at 10:00 A.M. | Haskins/Bowen/Stagen |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority | Stagen/Berger |
| 4. 708 Board | Mr. Berger |
| 5. WIA | Bowen/Hastings |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health | Mrs. Stagen |
| 7. Regional Office of Education | Bowen/Stagen |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation
Need more representatives from our county. | Mr. Ferguson |
| 9. 9-1-1
Meeting Wednesday night | Mr. Johnson |
| 10. Zoning | Mr. Johnson |
| 11. CIRMA | Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn |
| 12. Extension
Met last Monday. Johnson reported that they are fully staffed. | Johnson/Hastings |
| 13. E.M.A. | Mr. Higgins |

P. OLD BUSINESS:

Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 13-10 (re-appointing Mr. Moritz to the Zoning Board of Appeals)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:


Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____