# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES March 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, March 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 February 11, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## F. COMMUNICATIONS:

## G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

## H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

Voice Vote - Carried

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor informed the board that there is 1 adult and 1 juvenile in placement. There are 8 adults and 2 juveniles in residential housing. Restorative justice classes are being held on Wednesdays.

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans said that she sent out letters for a jury in April. She will present a fee increase proposal next month.

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The total cash on hand is \$480,162.70. She mailed out mobile home tax bills. She received the total rent from the county farms.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

# L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

## M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen read the letter from Larry Knilands resigning his position as Ford County Zoning Officer.

Royce Baier, from the Paxton Foundation, passed out his agreement proposal to the board. The board

reviewed both proposals. The only difference between the 2 proposals was a requirement in Ford County's proposal that the foundation not have the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The board was concerned that if it was put on the register, it could prevent the board from tearing down the building. Baier informed the board that other buildings that have been on the registry, have been torn down. They would like it registered to give the building status. Some board members wanted more time to compare the county's proposal with the Foundation's proposal.

Mr. Berger made a motion to table the proposal until the April meeting. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call: 7 yeas; 5 nays;

Those voting nay were: Haskins, Ferguson, McQuinn, Otto and Nuss

## N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### 1. Environment

# 2. Finance

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

Mr. May seconded it.

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

Mr. Ferguson moved to allow Cassy Taylor to obtain a credit card (limit of \$1,000) for the Probation Department.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins made a motion to authorize Candice Short as the temporary zoning officer with the salary at \$150.00 per week and an additional \$25 per hour for meetings outside regular courthouse hours. Mr. McQuinn seconded it

Roll Call- 10 yeas; 2 nays; Voting nay: Hastings and Nuss

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to amend the resolution and to adopt Resolution 13-11(authorizing Candice Short as the temporary Zoning Officer with the salary at \$200 per week and an additional \$25 per hour for meetings outside regular courthouse hours). Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – 10 yeas; 2 nays; Voting nay; Hastings and Nuss

Mrs. Stagen moved adopt **Resolution 13-12 (Designating Depositories of County Funds).** Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

## 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 13-13 (accepting the low bids for the 2013 Township MFT maintenance projects). Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

# 4. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn will schedule a meeting in the near future in regard to revising our personnel manual.

## 5. Overview/Legislation.

#### 6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills. Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion. RollCall – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt Resolution 13-14 (A Resolution of the Governing Body of Ford County, authorizing the execution and delivery of a master equipment lease-purchase agreement and separate lease schedules and certificates of acceptance with respect to the acquisition,

purchase, financing and leasing of certain equipment for the public benefit; authorizing the execution and delivery of documents required in connection therewith; and authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution). Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve (the contracts for County Law Enforcement Services with the Village of Sibley and the Village of Roberts). Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice Vote - Carrie

# 7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and Voice Vote - Carried placed on file. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

# O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Doran/Lindgren 1. Mobile Region 8 Reviewed the 2014 budget and set up classes for the first part of the year

Haskins/Bowen/Stagen 2. Union Affairs

Will vote on FOP contract next month.

3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Stagen/Berger Mr. Berger 4. 708 Board

5. WIA Bowen/Hastings

Mrs. Stagen 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health

7. Regional Office of Education Bowen/Stagen 8. Community Economic Development Foundation Mr. Ferguson

New name will be ECIEDD 9. 9-1-1 Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson 10. Zoning Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in small courtroom in regard

Wind farm contracts. Board of Appeals meeting on April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the commons of the Paxton Junior High.

Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn 11. CIRMA 12. Extension Johnson/Hastings Mr. Higgins

13. E.M.A.

# P. OLD BUSINESS:

O. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

## **R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution 13-15 (appointing Todd Sommer to the Ford County Voice Vote - Carried Planning Commission). Mrs. Stagen seconded it.

# **S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

## T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Berger moved to adjourn; Mr. Otto seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:58 P.M.

### U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,	
Linda Kellerhals	
/County Clerk	Approved: