

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

July 8, 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, July 8, 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. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 13-27 was passed on June 10, 2013 which concerned the intent of the County Board to enter into a proposed amendment to a lease agreement between First Midstate Inc. and the Ford County Public Building Commission in the principal amount not to exceed \$950,000.

The Public Hearing, based on Resolution 13-27, was to receive comments regarding the Lease Amendment. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was also concerning the intent of the Commission to issue Public Building Revenue bonds. There were no comments in regard to this issue. Mrs. Haskins moved to adjourn the hearing; Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the June 10, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kirk Allen, from Edgar County Watch Dogs, informed the board that Mr. Corbett, refused to submit his resume denying a FOIA request.

Allen Kraft, from Edgar County Watch Dogs, raised a question about the use of employees' email accounts for private business.

Jan Yanders, retiree from the Public Health Department, asked what happens if the department dissolves. We will be losing great employees and our residents will be losing the help that they need.

Howard Haley, former Ford County Board chairman, commended the Ford County board for getting all the facts. He would not like to see Ford County consolidate with McLean County.

Rich Porter, from Paxton, said that "it just gets worse and worse." He asked that the board members who

voted for spending money in Indiana, be removed from the health board.

I. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

J. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor presented her June report.

K. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans said that she is working on the next jury trial and presented her 2nd quarterly report.

L. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. There are 14 properties that are on the Ford County Surplus Real Estate Sale. You may obtain a catalog in the Treasurer's Office or online. Sealed bids must be in the Treasurers office by August 9, 2013.

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

M. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Nothing to report.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Environment

2. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous
(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 13-30 (Matching Tax Appropriating Resolution). Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Mr. Hastings moved to edit the Resolution to read “not to exceed \$200,000” Instead of “as much as is necessary”. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.
Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

5. Overview/Legislation.

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. Hastings seconded the motion.
Voice Vote - Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8
Will meet next week
2. Union Affairs
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority
4. 708 Board
5. WIA
Reviewed job stability in the area.
6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health
will meet July 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Gilman
7. Regional Office of Education
8. ECIEDD
Met last Thursday. Working on complying with the EDA
9. 9-1-1
10. Zoning
11. CIRMA
Next meeting will be July 12th in Bloomington at 10:00 a.m.
12. Extension
13. E.M.A.

Doran/Lindgren

Haskins/Bowen/Stagen
Stagen/Berger
Mr. Berger

Bowen/Hastings

Mrs. Stagen

Bowen/Stagen
Mr. Ferguson

Mr. Johnson
Mr. Johnson
Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn

Johnson/Hastings
Mr. Higgins

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Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Nuss responded to some of the previous statements made in regard to his integrity.

R. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

S. NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Ted Jensen, Ford County Board of Health member, expressed his issues in regard to the Ford Iroquois Public Health Department. He said that the Eastern Illinois Agency does an audit for the health board and there has never been any problem. He said that Dr. Pickering had different ways of doing things compared to Mr. Corbett. He feels that there has not been enough proven facts to remove Mr. Corbett as administrator. Mrs. Stagen, also a Ford County Board of Health member, said that a lot of accusations have been made which has created a lot of damage, with no proven facts.

Mr. Berger said that these issues need to be addressed by the Public Health Board.

T. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

U. ADJOURNMENT:

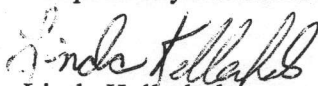
Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:20 P.M.

V. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____