

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

April 13, 2015

## 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, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

## A. ROLL CALL:

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

## C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

## D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

## E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. McQuinn moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the March 9, 2015, board minutes be approved. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice vote – Carried

## G. COMMUNICATIONS:

## H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Patrick Doggett, representing Congressman Adam Kinzinger, introduced himself and sent greetings from Mr. Kinzinger.

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that there were 24 new adult and 1 new juvenile cases filed. There were 2 PSI's ordered. There were 10 PTR'S filed. There are 2 adults in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There is 1 juvenile in placement. There is 1 adult in a residential/group home. Ms Taylor invited everyone to the Drug Court's Inaugural Graduation Ceremony which will be held Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. T4C Cog Class will be completed the middle of May.

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans informed the board that a jury trial started today. They also have scheduled a jury trial for next week

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens presented her report. The county has a balance of \$96,017.21 as of March 31, 2015.

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

## M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

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

## **N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Berger informed the Board that he has been keeping busy attending meetings and working on different issues in regard to the proposed jurors' fees.

## **O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Environment**

Bob Lindgren and Randy Berger represented the environmental committee by helping with the recycling which was held last Saturday.

### **2. Finance**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-20 (increasing the Circuit Clerk Automation Fee)**.

Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-21 (allowing the Public Health Dept. to hire a full time employee because of a vacancy)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 15-22 (Tax sale in Error Fee Resolution)**.

Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

### **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 15-23 (accepting bid from Tobey's Construction and Cartage, Inc. for \$371,166 for bridge replacement in Mona Township)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt **Resolution 15-24 (allowing the Highway to hire a part time/on call Maintenance Operator to fill a vacant full time Maintenance Operator position)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt the Compliance Review #57 and compliance review supplement #57 and to place them on file. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn said that it is mandatory to fill out the health insurance application either on line or by paper. He explained that the county is looking into different health insurance quotes.

### **5. Overview/Legislation**

Mr. Otto informed the board that Button Road Commissioner, Ron Hilligoss, asked about the possibility of purchasing 2 or 3 acres of our land to build on for the Button Township.

**6. Sheriff**

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

Mr. Lindgren said that copier bids were opened at the Sheriff Committee Meeting. The committee recommended to the board that the GFI bid be accepted upon proof of a few questions. A letter from the company confirmed the information requested. Mr. Lindgren moved to accept the GFI bid of \$1637.31 per month for a 5 year lease. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

**7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Otto moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion. Voice Vote Carried

**P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren  
Will meet tomorrow at 1 o'clock
- 2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Stagen
- 3. ECIEDD Stagen
- 4. 708 Board Berger
- 5. WIA Stagen
- 6. Ford County Public Health Department Berger  
Lana Sample, from Public Health Department, gave a report on the activities and projects they are working on. She said that they are keeping an eye open for new grants.
- 7. Regional Office of Education Berger/Stagen
- 8. 9-1-1 Johnson  
Paid bills.
- 9. Zoning Hastings/Johnson
- 10. CIRMA Nuss  
A new county is joining.
- 11. Extension Hastings/Johnson  
Mr. Hastings said that they were working on their budget. Their budget request for Ford County is the same as last year.
- 12. E.M.A. Higgins

**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Berger announced that there will be a conference in Bloomington on April 20, at the Doubletree.

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Linda Kellernahs  
County Clerk

Approved: 5/11/15