

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

March 10, 2014

## 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, 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 and Elynor Stagen.

## C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

## D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Haskins moved that the February 10, 2014, board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.  
Voice vote - carried

## F. COMMUNICATIONS:

## G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Randy Ferguson, representing the disbanded Ford County Community Economic Development Foundation, presented a \$9,000 check to the Paxton Foundation and a check for \$2,063 to the county board. The money needs to be used toward energy-efficiency projects.

Mr. Berger moved to seat Mr. McQuinn at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice vote carried.

## H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor presented her report. There was 1 new adult case. There are 5 adults in drug placement (3 are on drug court) and 0 juveniles in placement.

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans presented her report. She said that the jury trial was held. The judges are working out nicely. She continues to have a space issue problem.

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$568,922.68 as of January 31, 2014. The mobile home tax bills will be mailed out soon. Our auditor will be coming soon.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Hastings seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

## **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

### **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that the Ford County Health Board had its organizational meeting on January 28. Those appointed to the board were: 1-year term: Kevin Brucker, Katherine Austman, and Randy Berger; 2-year term: Laurelyn Cropek and Michael Short; 3 year term: Valerie Cox and Mark Spangler. There is 1 vacant position. Those elected were: President – Michael Short; President Elect – Randy Berger; Secretary - Mark Spangler.

Bowen announced that Cheri Adkins, who is the Judge Secretary, is resigning as of February 11. He wished her the very best with her new endeavors.

Bowen talked about the possibility of buying iPads for the board members which would save on all the paper that is being used to make up the board packets, etc.

## **N. 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)

Mrs. Stagen informed the board that Tecya Anderson, our IMRF representative, attended the Finance Meeting. She explained our financial status with our 3 IMRF funds. Papers were distributed showing the financial status of each of these funds.

### **3. Highway**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

The MFT letting will be held Wednesday, February 26.

### **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 – 11 yeas; 1 abstention;  
(Mr. May abstained)

Mrs. Haskins moved to **adopt Resolutions 14-06 and 14-07 (appointing Paul Mogged and Neil Nelson to the Sheriff's Merit Commission).** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

### **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. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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| 1. Mobile Region 8<br><b>Meeting tomorrow</b>  | Doran/Lindgren       |
| 2. Union Affairs   | 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<br><b>Mrs. Stagen handed out the last meeting's minutes.</b>  | Mrs. Stagen          |
| 7. Regional Office of Education<br><b>Starting GED testing at Parkland</b>                     | Bowen/Stagen         |
| 8. ECIEDD<br><b>Nothing going on. Lack of interest</b>   | Mr. Ferguson         |
| 9. 9-1-1<br><b>Discussed their funding with the County and State</b>                           | Mr. Johnson          |
| 10. Zoning   | Mr. Johnson          |
| 11. CIRMA<br><b>Nuss received a conference call in regard to approving 2 more memberships.</b> | Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn  |
| 12. Extension<br><b>Next meeting March 3.</b>  | Johnson/Hastings     |
| 13. E.M.A.   | Mr. Higgins          |

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Q. NEW BUSINESS:**

The Ford County Public Health Department will meet on February 17, at the Gibson Hospital at 6:00 p.m.

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**S. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:44 P.M.

**T. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: 4-14-14