

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 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, May 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, Jason Johnson, Dave Hastings, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen. Pat Haskins and Floyd Otto were absent.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the April 8, 2013 board minutes be approved. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Kirk Allen, from Kansas, IL., who is a co-owner of the Edgar County Watchdogs, said that on February 4, 3 people begged for help in regard to keeping the people from the Ford Iroquois Public Health Dept. accountable for their spending actions. He read a statement explaining the disclosures that were found. He challenged the board to prove that his reporting was incorrect.

Mr. Doug Corbett, Ford Iroquois Public Health Department administrator, was asked questions by board members in regard to the accusations in regard to FOIA and the bids for the solar panels. States Attorney, Matt Fitton, advised that there is pending litigation in regard to the FOIA documents and that the board needs to be very careful with their questions. Mr. Corbett said that they have been working on the FOIA requests and he feels that he did nothing wrong in regard to how he handled the solar panel bids.

H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Berger 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. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor presented her report. She said that she attended the Finance Committee Meeting and asked the committee if she could change her request for a credit card to a First National debit card. Mr. Ferguson moved to **allow the probation department to have a debit card**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans said that they will have a special audit tomorrow. She also informed the board about the telephone scam for warrants for people's arrests.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The total cash on hand is \$317,879.42. The tax bills were sent