

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

October 13, 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, October 13, 2014, 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, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen. Mr. Hastings was absent

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA;

Mr. Berger moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the September 8, 2014, board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it. Voice vote - carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

I. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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

J. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that there were 35 new adult and 2 juvenile cases filed. There are 4 adults in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There were 4 PTR'S filed. There are 5 adults placed in sober living/halfway house. 1 Probation Officer completed ICOTS Policy/Procedure Training online. 2 officers received their 3 year certificates for Mental Health First Aid. Brittany Colby was hired as a new juvenile officer. She will start in October.

K. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans informed the board that collections are up. Jury trial starts October 14-17.

L. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$479,046.12 as of September 30, 2014. The tax sale for the delinquent parcels will be held Wednesday, October 22, at 1:00 P.M. in the small court room. She also reported that her computer and copier got struck by lightning.

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to

place them on file. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

M. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that he would not continue as chairman of the board as of November 30, 2014. A new chairman will have to be elected at the organizational meeting on December 1.

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

The 2014-15 proposed budget was presented to the board members and will be voted on at the November board meeting. The board was asked to read it through. If they have any questions, please contact Mr. Bowen or Mrs. Stagen.

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolutions 14-38 – 14-41 (to surrender tax sale certificates for 04-04-04-205-013; 05-07-21-254-006; 11-14-18-235-005; 04-04-04-209-003;).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice vote - carried

3. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

4. Insurance/Personnel

A meeting was held on October 8, in regard to the eligibility of a regular part-time employee to receive County Health Insurance. If he meets the criteria of the Health Insurance, he enroll in May of 2015.

5. Overview/Legislation

On September 12, a meeting was held in regard to looking over the farm leases. The public auction will be held on Friday, October 31, at 1:30 P.M. at the courthouse. Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **authorize the Overview Committee to accept the highest bid for the farm leases.** Mrs. Haskins seconded it.

Voice vote - carried

6. Sheriff

Mrs. Haskins moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins said that Mr. Higgins was **instructed to write a letter to Iroquois County requesting a reason for Iroquois County dissolving from the LEPC.**

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. Otto seconded the motion.

Voice Vote - Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
Meeting will be Tuesday, October 14.
2. Union Affairs Haskins/Bowen/Stagen
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Stagen/ Berge
4. 708 Board Mr. Berger
5. WIA Bowen/Hastings
Meeting was held September 18. Bowen reported that employment is slightly down. They have grant money for educating and job placement.
6. Ford County Board of Health Mr. Berger
They are revamping health policies
7. Regional Office of Education Bowen/Stagen
8. ECIEDD Mr. Ferguson
9. 9-1-1 Mr. Johnson
Met last Wednesday.
10. Zoning Mr. Johnson
11. CIRMA Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn
Will be meeting October 23 at 10:00 A.M.
12. Extension Johnson/Hastings
13. E.M.A. Mr. Higgins

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bowen moved to adopt Resolution 14-42 (to participate in State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program). Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the Drainage Commissioner bonds which are as follows: Douglas W. Niewold – Walton, Roger M. Read – Pella #1, Jason Stuckey – Pell #2, Floyd M. Otto Jr. – Little Lyman, Jeff Riebe – Union #1, Ronald Arends – Big Four, Mark Weber – Lyman Dist.#1, Randy L. Kinzinger – Dist. #1 of Lyman & Wall, Stanley Vetter – Sibley #1, Dean Swan – Sugar Creek, Robert Imke – Vermilion River Outlet, Gerald H. Burklund – Wall; Ronald Bork Union #1 of Pella & Brenton; and James R. Moritz – Vermilion Special). Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Stagen moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2c(1) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

Went into Executive Session at 7:46 P.M.
Went out of Executive Session at 8:26 P.M.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

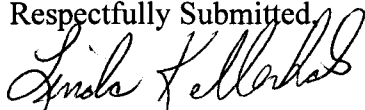
Mr. Berger moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:39 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____