

**FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2011**

**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, September 12, 2011 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, Tom McQuinn, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Richard Hewerdine, Gene May, Randy Berger Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Rick Bowen.

**C. PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman Bowen

**D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Floyd Otto

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the August 8, 2011 minutes be approved. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote –Carried

**F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Voice Vote – Carried

**I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Mrs. Morris reported that there was 1 juvenile in detention. 2 adults and 1 juvenile are in the alcoholic and drug treatment program. She said that they are busy preparing for the move. They will start seeing clients at 124 W State St on October 3 until the remodeling is finished in the courthouse basement.

**J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans reported that she sent out jury notices for the October trial. The new system for the order of protection will hopefully be up and running in October.

**K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Hastings was absent.

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

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

Clerk Kellerhals announced that the nominating petitions for the Board, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, States Attorney and Precinct Committeemen, may be picked up at her office. The petitions will be filed between Nov. 28 and December 5. The Primary Election will be held on March 20, 2012.

**M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Bowen attended 2 Public Building Commission Meetings. The bids for the Probation project will be opened on October 11. He also attended the Regional Office of Education meeting.

**N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Environment**

**2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills.

Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to allow the Supervisor of Assessments, County Clerk and Treasurer to purchase new computers. The board will pay up to \$750 for one of the Treasurer's computers. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt Resolution 11-46 (increasing the Zoning Board of Appeals Compensation). Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

**3. Highway**

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

**4. Insurance/Personnel**

The state health insurance has resolved its issues and hopefully will have them completely resolved by the next sign-up period.

**5. Overview/Legislation**

Mr. Otto said that the Overview Committee met with the Public Building Commission Board. The Commission Board will be renting the Marshall Building for the Probation Department until the courthouse basement is finished being remodeled.

**6. Sheriff**

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, ESDA & Coroner bills. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

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

**O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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| 1. Mobile Region 8  | Sheriff Doran |
| 2. Union Affairs  | Mrs. Haskins  |
| Will be meeting in October in regard to the contract with Probation   |               |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority  | Mrs. Stagen   |
| 4. 708 Board  | Mr. Berger    |
| Discussed cutting of funds  |               |
| 5. WIA  | Mr. Bowen     |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health  | Mrs. Stagen   |
| 7. Regional Office of Education   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 8. Community Economic Development Foundation  | Mr. Ferguson  |
| Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution 11-45 (approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for the ECIED) Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous |               |
| 9. 9-1-1  | Mr. Johnson   |
| 10. I.H.R. & CD   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 11. Zoning  | Mr. Johnson   |
| 12. CIRMA   | Mr. Bowen     |
| 13. Extension   | Mr. Johnson   |
| 14. E.M. A.   | Mr. Higgins   |
| There will be a table top exercise this Friday at Gilman Methodist Church   |               |

**P. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**Q. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

A discussion was held in regard to using a teleconferencing system to make the board meetings more accessible to the public and the board. Mr. Nuss said that it would allow people to dial into a designated phone line and to be a part of the meeting. Chairman Bowen asked the board to consider if this would be a viable option or not.

Mr. Berger moved to adopt Resolutions 11-47 – 11-59 (approving bonds of the Drainage Commissioners: Douglas Niewold, Roger Read, Jason Stuckey, Floyd M. Otto Jr., Jeff Riebe, Ronald Arends, Mark Weber, Randy Kinzinger, Dean Swan, Stanley Vetter, David Gibb, Robert Immke and Robert Zebarth). Mrs. Stagen seconded it. Roll Call: 11 yeas; 1 abstention; Mr. Otto abstained

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:05 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_