

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2017

**** Revised Nov. 13, 2017****

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 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Jon Clark, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Dr. Bernadette Ray was seated at 7:05pm. Mr. Johnson was not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Cpl. Curry

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto, Jr.

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Berger made the motion to add under Finance to discuss FY 2018 Budget and he also stated that due to the amount of those signed up to speak tonight, everyone is limited to 2 minutes each. Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Mr. May seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve the Sept. 11 & 18, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- There were 3 Ford County residents present to speak to the Board about issues with the Kelley Creek Wind Farm. There were 9 representatives for different Windfarms in the area to answer questions.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities. Mrs. Evans stated that there will be 3 Jury Trials held within the next two weeks.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens went through her monthly report. Treasurer Stevens then stated, "I would like to thank the residents of Ford County for giving me the opportunity to serve them as their Treasurer for the last 3 years. It has truly been an honor and privilege. However I am excited to say that I have been very blessed by God to be able to retire early; so my last day will be December 31, 2017. I am absolutely confident that the Board will be able to find a good replacement for the last year on my term. Thank you!"

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

M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

ASSESSMENTS, CIRCUIT CLERK, CORONER, COUNTY CLERK, EMA, HIGHWAY, HOUSING, PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF, TREASURER, ZONING AND 911.

Mr. Otto moved to approve all Department Head reports. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

** Mr. Ray seconded, has been changed to Dr. Ray seconded, per motion made by Mr. Hastings in the November 13, 2017 County Board meeting under Section F. Approval of the October 9, 2017 Board Minutes. Revised minutes approved by Mr. Otto and seconded by Mr. McCall. Voice Vote-Carried**

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall stated that the Budget Committee looked at different options in order to help the deficit budget. The committee looked into raising taxes and the possibility of laying off, those options would be a last resort. The Sheriff has been bringing in more prisoners which is good. The Budget Committee would like to present the proposed FY 2018 Budget for public viewing in the County Clerk's Office and on the Ford County website for the next 15 days to then be voted on at the November 13, 2017 County Board meeting.

Mr. Nuss thanked the Budget Committee and all the Dept. Heads for all their hard work with the Budget process.

III. Highway

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn stated they met last month to discuss a Union contract issue. Mr. McQuinn then made the motion to **adopt Resolution 17-62 (Amending the Leave of Absence portion in the Personnel Policy)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. McCall moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8

Doran/Lindgren

2. Union Affairs

McQuinn

Working on the Probation Union Contract.

3. 708 Board

Berger

Will meet Nov. 15, 2017 @ 11:45 A.M. at Gibson Area Hospital.

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| 4. WIA | Berger/Lindgren |
| 5. Ford Public Health Dept. | Berger |
| <p>Lana Sample told the Board they are now providing Flu shots. Lana is close to filling the Nurse's position. She also stated that due to Ford County not being accredited & no emergency plan in place that now affects the grant money for the Public Health Dept. The Public Health Dept. would like to take over the day to day tasks for EMA however it will still leave the Ford County Board in charge in a disaster situation and responsible of the financial part of a disaster. The Board of Health will meet next week and the issue will be discussed and voted on; after that meeting, Mrs. Sample will then bring the issue back to the County Board to be voted on.</p> | |
| 6. Regional Office of Education | Berger |
| 7. 9-1-1 | Johnson |
| 8. Zoning | Hastings |
| 9. CIRMA | Nuss |
| <p>Mr. Nuss is working with CIRMA on cyber security.</p> | |
| 10. Extension | Johnson |
| 11. E.M.A./LEPC | Higgins |
| 12. Information Technology | Nuss |
| <p>Mr. Nuss is working with the State of Illinois on updates.</p> | |

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-63 (Appt. Drng. Comm.: D. Niewold, R. Read, J. Stuckey, F. Otto, Jr., J. Riebe, R. Arends, M. Weber, R. Kinzinger, D. Swan, S. Vetter, R. Bork, B. Gubbs, J. Moritz, G. Burklund)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.
 Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-64 (To review the current Ordinance on Windfarm Construction)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.
 Roll Call – Unanimous

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is a need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel; for personnel issues. At 8:24 P.M. Mr. Berger made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.
 Voice Vote – Carried

At 8:53 P.M. Mr. Hastings made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.
 Voice Vote - Carried

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lindgren moved to adjourn; Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:54 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____