

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 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, December 11, 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: Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Dr. Bernadette Ray was seated at 7:02pm. Mr. Clark and Mr. Hastings was not in attendance.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto, Jr.

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Berger made a motion to change the Agenda by moving Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) – for the selection of a person to fill a public office vacancy before New Business and to move the Resolution for the Public Health Dept. to hire from New Business to under Special Assignments under #5 Ford County Public Health. The Board will go into Executive Session again Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel. Mr. Nuss made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. McCall moved to approve the November 13, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- The Gibson City Melvin Sibley (GCMS) High School State Champion Football Team along with their coaches were present at the board meeting. Mr. Mike Allen, Head Coach spoke to the board about the football team. Mr. Allen stated, “This season was a dream come true but, when the players returned home, to see the support of the community that meant a lot. The football team is proud to represent Ford County.” Mr. Allen also mentioned that the team is expected to do well in all aspects, including working in the community.
- Mr. Leo Weber updated the board on the progress of the road issues with the Windfarm. He stated that a report from the Wind Farm shows it will take 2 crews and 5 weeks before the road will be completed. Mr. Weber read emails from April showing the Wind farm was aware of the road issues before they signed the Agreement in May.
- Kasi Schwarz passed out letters of recommendation to the Board and thanked them for their consideration of her being appointed as Treasurer.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Mrs. Ellen Maxey, Chief Probation Officer, spoke to the board about the Pilot program. She also mentioned that the collection of fees are now being correctly assessed thanks to State’s Attorney Andrew Killian and defendants are being held accountable for paying their fines in full which not only helps the Probation Dept. but the County as well.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities. She also mentioned that there will be a Jury in January 2018.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Chairman Berger briefly went through the Treasurer's monthly report.

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. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger read the 2017 Bicentennial Proclamation for the State of Illinois. There was a ceremony held on Monday, Dec. 3, 2017 at 12pm at the Courthouse. Mr. Berger also said he has received 2 official resignations, one from Coroner Douglas Wallace effective January 3, 2018 and one from Treasurer Penny Stevens effective December 31, 2017. He then read a letter from MCS stating their hourly fees are being raised as of January 1, 2018.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall then reviewed the FY 2018 U of I Home Extension Agreement. It has been budgeted for and it is the same amount as in the past. Mr. McCall moved to accept the FY 2018 U of I Home Extension Agreement. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

III. Highway

The Highway Committee met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 and although there was not enough for a quorum, the bills and resolutions were reviewed. Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18-01 (Appropriating Funds for the County Engineer's Salary)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – 9 Yeas – 1 Present
(Mr. McCall – Present)

Mr. Otto made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18-02 (Maintenance Under the Highway Code)**. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn stated the Committee met Monday, December 4, 2017 to discuss the Treasurer Position but did not have enough for a quorum. Also, Mr. McQuinn asked Clerk Frederick to check with CIRMA if they would create a Handbook for the County and CIRMA supplied an example Handbook for the County to review. Mr. McQuinn then stated if any County Board Members would like a copy of the sample Handbook to contact the County Clerk & Recorder.

V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Otto recommended selling Button Twp. 4 acres for Ford County Farmland. Mr. McQuinn added he would like to add a condition that a building is built somewhere on the 4 acres for the township. Mr. Otto made the motion that a Resolution be drafted for the sale of 4 acres to Button Twp. with the condition that they build a township building on the property of the 4 acres. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

VI. Sheriff

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

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18- 03 (A Software Lease Agreement)**. Dr. Ray seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Johnson moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8	Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs	McQuinn
3. 708 Board	Berger
4. WIA	Berger/Lindgren
5. Ford Public Health Dept.	Berger
Mr. Lindgren made the motion to approve the appointment of Suzie Shell as a board member for the Ford County Board of Health. Mr. Otto seconded it.	Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to adopt Resolution 18 – 04 (Allowing the Public Health Dept. to hire). Mr. Otto seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

6. Regional Office of Education	Berger
7. 9-1-1	Johnson
8. Zoning	Hastings
9. CIRMA	Nuss
10. Extension	Johnson
11. E.M.A./LEPC	Higgins
12. Information Technology	Nuss

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is a need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) – for the selection of a person to fill a public office vacancy. At 7:58 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

At 8:47 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

S. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McQuinn made a motion to **adopt 4 Resolutions 18-05(Appointing Mr. Rick Flessner as Coroner)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

The County Board will meet on Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 7P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom to discuss and interview for the upcoming vacancy in the Treasurer's position. The Board asked that all candidates please come to the meeting.

Mr. McCall made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-06 (State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to **adopt Resolution 18-07 (Ordinance for Certificate of Tax Levy for FY 2018)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

T. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There is a need to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – Personnel; for personnel issues. At 8:53 P.M. Mr. Berger made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

At 9:03 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

U. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. McCall seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:04 P.M.

V. PROCLAMATION

There will be a Special Board meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 7P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom.

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____