

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 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, November 13, 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: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Jon Clark, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Jr., Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Mr. Hastings was seated at 7:02pm. Mr. Johnson 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. Ferguson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hastings moved to revise the October 9, 2017 minutes under section M to state Dr. Bernadette Ray and not Mr. Bernadette Ray. Mr. Otto moved to approve the revised October 9, 2017 Minutes. Mr. McCall seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Ann and Cindy Ihrke and Ted Hartke spoke to the Board about suggestions with the WECS Ordinance. Mr. Leo Weber, Rogers Twp. Highway Commissioner informed the Board that the road issues have still not been fixed by the Wind Farm. Mr. Weber also spoke to the Board that due to Rogers Township being incorrectly assessed they lost out on about \$12,000.00 and Tri-Point School Dist. lost out on about \$44,000.00. They were promised the Wind Farms would not be assessed and they were. Richard Flessner Village of Roberts President spoke to the Board on a Zoning Ordinance the village is working on. Krisha Shoemaker and Kasi Schwarz both spoke to the Board about their interest in the Treasurer's position. Sheriff Doran presented a Life Saver Award to Officer Jason Cox for his brave efforts in saving a human life. Button Twp. Supervisor Shane Mullis and Hwy. Commissioner Ron Hilligoss discussed purchasing 4 acres of Ford County land for Button Twp. use.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Probation has entered into a piolet program and the goal is to be up and running by January 2018. The Probation Officers and clients of Ford County can now use a cell phone App to help in assisting with their Pre-Trials.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Kim Evans reported Circuit Clerk's monthly activities.

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. Hastings moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger spent 4 days in Chicago recently for EMA training and for Head Start at no cost to the County.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Mr. Ferguson 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 good news is that the Dept. Heads have done a great job keeping the spending down in their offices and that was a tremendous help to the budget. The Sheriff has been bringing in more prisoners which is also good.

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

Mr. Otto made the motion to **adopt Resolution 17-65 (A Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance/Personnel

Mr. McQuinn the Committee met today at 6pm to discuss a Union contract issue, however, there was not enough for a quorum and later in the meeting the Board will discuss the Union Contract and there will be a vote on it.

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

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 17- 66 (Allowing the Sheriff to hire)**.

Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 17- 67 (Amending Resolution 17-31)**.

Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

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

Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8 | Doran/Lindgren |
| 2. Union Affairs | McQuinn |
| 3. 708 Board | Berger |
| 4. WIA | Berger/Lindgren |
| 5. Ford Public Health Dept.
Lana Sample told the Board that the Health Dept. is doing well. They are currently working with C-UPHD in regard to the opioid epidemic. | Berger |
| 6. Regional Office of Education
Met a week ago, Jane Quinlan is retiring and the FY 2018 is balanced. | 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. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McQuinn made a motion to adopt the Probation Union Contract for FY 2018 - 2020.

Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – 6 Yeas; 5 Nays

(Nays - Hastings, May, McCall, Nuss & Berger)

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt 4 Resolutions 17-68 - 71 (The Sale of delinquent Tax Property in Ford County)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-72 (Zoning Dist. change in Melvin)**.

Mr. Clark seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-73 (FY 2017-2018 Holiday Schedule)**.

Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-74 (FY 2017-2018 County Board Meetings)**.

Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Otto made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-75 (The Public Building Commission Levy for FY 2018)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-76 (Annual Budget & Appropriation for FY 2018)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – 10 Yeas; 1 Nay

(Nay – Berger)

Mr. McCall made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-77 (FY 2018 Circuit Clerk Salary)**.

Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made a motion to **adopt Resolution 17-78 (FY 2018 Salary Increases for Salary & Hourly Employees)**. 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 8:57 P.M. Mr. Berger made the motion to go into executive session.

Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

At 9:51 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nuss moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:54 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____