

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

## **NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

### **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 12, 2018 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, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Robert Lindgren and Chairman Berger. Mr. Hastings was seated at 7:07 P.M. by Mr. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

### **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

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

Mr. Otto

### **E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:**

Mr. Berger made the motion to move a Resolution Accepting a 3 year bid from WIPFLi LLP CPA's and Consultants as Ford County Auditors from R. New Business to under O. – II. Finance and under R. New Business setting a Special County Board Meeting and recognizing members leaving the county board. Mr. Otto made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

### **F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Lindgren moved to approve the October 8, 2018 Board Minutes. Mr. Clark seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

### **G. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Clerk Frederick thanked board members Mr. McQuinn, Mr. May, Mr. McCall, Mr. Lindgren and Mr. Otto for their help on election night. Looking back on results from 2005 forward, this was the largest mid-term turn out at 57.25% unofficially. Clerk Frederick mentioned that extra precautions were taken due to recent cyber security issues with a nearby county. Also, Clerk Frederick set the County Board Organizational Meeting for Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

### **H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Citizen of Ford County spoke to the board about certain concerns with the Windfarm Ordinance.

### **I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

The board briefly went through the Probation report.

### **J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Circuit Clerk Kim Evans briefly went through her report.

### **K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Shoemaker briefly discussed that her office has finished the tax sale and they're working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> distribution.

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

Sheriff Doran mentioned the shredder truck will be here Wednesday, November 14, 2018 for department heads that have received prior approval from the State of Illinois and the Ford County 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 stated he had been attending meetings and filling out paperwork.

## **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 only has a negative of around \$6,000 and that is due to Department head responsible spending, the Sheriff boarding more prisoners, the Circuit Clerk collecting past due fees and the State's Attorney's revenue. Last year the board passed a budget with a negative \$350,000. Greg Perkinson Ford County Engineer mistakenly left out a carryover in his dedicated funds which he needs for next Fiscal year.

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 85 (Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for FY 2019)** and adding in the Highway Department's carryover.

Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 86 (Amending the Circuit Clerk's Salary)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 87 (Salary increases for certain Dept. Heads and hourly employees)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 88 (Salary increases for Probation Officers)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 89 (State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor)**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 90 (Public Defender's Salary)**.

Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 91 (Accepting a 3 year bid from WIPFLi LLP CPA's and Consultants as the Ford County Auditor)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

### **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 Resolutions 18 – 92 through 18 -94 (Agreements with Button, Mona and Rogers Road Districts for snow removal)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

#### IV. Insurance & Personnel

#### V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. Otto stated that the Cash Rent Farm Auction will be held Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M. in the large courtroom in the courthouse.

#### 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 – 95 (Allowing the Sheriff to replace a full-time road deputy)**. Dr. Ray seconded it.  
Roll Call - Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 96 (Allowing the Sheriff to shred certain documents approved by the State of Illinois)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.  
Voice Vote - Carried

#### VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

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

#### P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs McQuinn
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Berger/Lindgren
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Berger  
Lana Sample spoke to the board about the GATA grant audit and she stated that more information will be coming soon. A new Food Ordinance will be submitted next month.
6. Regional Office of Education Berger  
Mr. McCall attended a meeting and the shortage of teachers was discussed and there are currently 28 unfilled positions in the area.
7. 9-1-1 Johnson  
Next meeting will be Wednesday at 7 P.M. in Piper City.
8. Zoning Hastings
9. CIRMA Nuss
10. Extension Johnson  
Next meeting will be January 14, 2019 at 6 P.M. in Rantoul.
11. E.M.A./LEPC Berger  
Looking to hire someone to fill this position.
12. Information Technology Nuss  
Mr. Nuss is still working with MCS on disaster recovery.

#### Q. OLD BUSINESS:

#### R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. May mentioned that the current renter on one of the Ford County Farms has trimmed some trees that are now dying, that needs to be addressed soon.

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 - 97 (Setting a Holiday Schedule for FY 2019)**. Mr. Otto seconded it.  
Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 98 (Setting County Board Meetings for FY 2019)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 –99 (Regarding Public Speaking)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – 8 – Ayes, 4 - Nays  
8 – Ayes – 4 Nays (Nays – Clark, May, McQuinn, Nuss)

Mr. Clark made the motion to **adopt Resolution 18 – 100 (Appointing 3 members to the ETSB)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

There was a discussion on when to have a Special Board meeting for the Windfarm Ordinance. After discussion Mr. McQuinn made the motion to hold a Special County Board meeting in the Large Courtroom on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – 8 – Ayes, 1 - Nays, 2 – Pass, 1 - Abstain  
(Nay – Johnson, Passes – Hastings & Otto, Abstain - Berger)

Chairman Berger recognized the following county board members leaving the board and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation: Mr. Clark – for a 4 year term, Mr. Hastings – for an 11 year term, Mr. Otto – for a 24 year term and Clerk & Recorder Frederick presented Chairman Berger with a Certificate of Appreciation – for a 12 year Term. Mr. Berger then stated it has been a pleasure to work with great board members through the years and wishes luck to the future board.

#### **S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:20 P.M. Mr. Berger stated there is a need to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Personnel reasons. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

At 8:35 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

#### **T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn; Mr. Berger seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:36 P.M.

#### **U. PROCLAMATION:**

**There will be an Organizational meeting held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Small Courtroom and a Special County Board Meeting held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the Large Courtroom at the Courthouse.**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_