

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

*** AMENDED ON MARCH 11, 2019 AT THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING***

AMENDING A. CALL TO ORDER

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, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board ~~Vice Chairman, Chase McCall~~. *** Mr. McCall made the motion to revise the February 11, 2019 Minutes under A. CALL TO ORDER, the last sentence states: called to order by Vice Chairman Chase McCall, should read: called to order by Chairman Robert Lindgren. Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve the revised February 11, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried ***

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Debbie Smith, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Lindgren.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After discussion, it was decided to add under Comments from the floor– Dean – adding the wind and soil of Ford County is perfect for Wind Farms.

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes and the revised January 24, 2019 Board Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was a discussion regarding concerns with the Livestock Resolution and the wind Farm Ordinance from some Ford County citizens.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey stated her annual plan was accepted by AIOC and she will be spending time in Springfield this month.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mr. Lindgren asked when the next Jury Trial will be? Circuit Clerk Kim Evans stated in April.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker was not present. The board briefly went through her report.

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

Sheriff Doran stated that the new Governor Pritzker has created a new office entitled Justice Equality and Opportunity and it will change everything with Law Enforcement.

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. McQuinn moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Lindgren has been attending the various meetings.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 26 (Allowing the EMA Director to hire a Part-Time Employee)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

A Resolution allowing the Judge to hire was briefly discussed and tabled until after Executive Session.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 27 (Allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire a Full-time Employee)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. During a discussion Mr. Ferguson stated he met with 2 of the Circuit Clerk's employees and Mrs. Evans to see if the extra work could be absorbed by the 2 full-time employees. Mr. McQuinn stated it bothers him that the County Clerk is still down an employee in her office. There was talk of splitting an employee between multiple offices. Mr. Nuss stated concern that the resolution is for the Circuit Clerk's office to hire a full-time employee and not to split that employee. The 2 employees and Circuit Clerk Evans were present at the meeting. Circuit Clerk Evans was asked her opinion on the matter, she stated the girls are willing to take on the extra work for extra money. Mr. Nuss stated the departments are thin and when someone doesn't show the offices are really thin. There was a question of getting training for the 2 employees. Mr. Ferguson stated after the meeting with the Circuit Clerk and the 2 employees, he asked the Judge if there was any problem allowing the girls to get trained and he stated there was no problem. Mr. McQuinn suggested this resolution be sent to the Insurance and Personnel Committee. After discussion it was decided to Table the Resolution and pass it onto the Insurance & Personnel Committee.

****RESOLUTION ALLOWING CIRCUIT CLERK TO HIRE – TABLED WITH NO OBJECTIONS****

Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 27 (Recommending a Livestock Facility in Sibley)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. There was discussion on the resolution. There was an explanation of the bi-product and how it would be handled. Mr. May stated Sibley is a nice little town and he would hate to see it hindered by the odor. Mr. Johnson asked how old the buildings were. Some citizens stated they are trying to build the village back up again. Trustee Brucker stated the other farms do smell a little and there will be no economic gain for the village. Nic

with the Livestock Development Group of IL. stated the schools will get 70%. After discussion, a roll call was taken.

Roll Call – 4 – Yeas, 8 – Nays
(Nays – C. Ihrke, Ferguson, Smith, May, McQuinn, Aubry, A. Ihrke & Nuss)

****MOTION RECOMMENDING LIVESTOCK FACILITY - FAILED****

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 28 (Denying a recommendation of a Livestock Facility in Sibley)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it. There was a discussion on why the board would deny the Livestock Facility. C. Ihrke stated not enough information was given. Nic the Livestock Development Group of IL. the criteria was met. Mr. Aubry stated there's not enough information to vote either way. After discussion it was decided to add to the resolution that the board feels there was insufficient information regarding topography and prevailing winds as relates to the location of the proposed facility to the Village of Sibley to adequately assess the impact of odor and potential negative effects on the Village of Sibley and residents thereof.

Roll Call was taken for the amendment to the resolution.

Roll Call – 8 – Yeas, 4 – Nays
(Nays – Ray, Johnson, McCall & Lindgren)

Roll Call was taken to accept the revised Resolution and to **adopt Resolution 19 – 28 (Denying a recommendation of a Livestock Facility in Sibley)**. Roll Call – 8 – Yeas, 4 – Nays
(Nays – Ray, Johnson, McCall & Lindgren)

III. Highway

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt the Resolution 19 – 29 (Maintenance under the IL. Highway Code)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn stated there will be an Insurance and Personnel Meeting set for February 19, 2019 at 9 A.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Smith moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (*) = Chairman of that Committee)

1. Mobile Region 8
Wednesday at 1PM Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray

4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
Met a couple of weeks ago.
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
Lana Sample spoke briefly about lost digital data and is working with MCS on the recovery.
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
Mr. McCall recently attended a meeting and they are on budget. Gary Lewis will take Ms. Quinlan's place. There is still a teacher shortage issue.
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
Mr. Nuss will meet on Wednesday at 7PM at the Paxton Fire Station.
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
Mr. Ferguson set a meeting for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 11AM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse and for February 25, 2019 at 7P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.
9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
Claims are down all is good.
10. Extension Johnson/A. Ihrke
11. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird
Mr. Whitebird reported that the county has very few shelters for and stated he is working on this issue for those that may need shelter from the weather. Mr. Whitebird will provide a list of criteria for a possible shelter and those interested may contact Mr. Whitebird at his information on the county website.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry
Mr. Nuss met with MCS on raw data recovery.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 29 & 19 - 30 (Allowing the State's Attorney and the Supervisor of Assessments to destroy certain documents)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:56 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for Personnel Reasons and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)Litigation. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

At 9:35 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Mr. Aubry made the motion to revise hourly to salary and **adopt Resolution 19 - 31 (Allowing the Judge to hire a Full-Time Employee)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn; Mrs. Smith seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 9:49 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____