

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MAY 13, 2019

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, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Robert Lindgren.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Lindgren. Not present were, Dr. Ray, Mrs. Smith and Mr. May.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Nuss made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the April 8, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Aubry seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Then Clerk Frederick read a Thank You notes from the family of Linda Kay Weber (mother of Lori Sherfey) and Harriet Arrasmith (grandmother of Kasi Schwarz).

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 2 citizens spoke on issues and updates with Kelly Creek Wind Farm.
- 2 GCMS students (Hannah Cliff & Payton Beach) spoke about a project they are working on and presented a sign to Sheriff Doran

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey reported the state has reimbursed the county for the Probation payroll through February 2019. She also announced a Drug Court Graduation is set for May 29, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the 2nd floor in the Courthouse.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans spoke briefly on the Resolution to be voted on tonight.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker stated her office has been busy and she's training her new employee.

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

- Sheriff Doran reported issues with the Courthouse elevator.
- SOA Hooper updated the board on the Quad process and thanked Dave Hastings for all his volunteer work in her office.

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. Ferguson moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Lindgren has been attending a lot of meetings for the East Central Illinois Action.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mr. McCall moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 43 (Ordinance Establishing Civil & Criminal Fees and Traffic Assessments)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – 1 – Yea, 8 Nays
(Nays – C. Ihrke, Johnson, Ferguson, McQuinn, A. Ihrke, Nuss, McCall, Lindgren)

***** FAILED*****

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt a Resolution 19 - 44 (Ordinance Amending the Enterprise Zone)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt a Resolution 19 - 45 (Allowing the SOA & Treasurer to share one or more P.B.L. I.C.E students)**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to **adopt a Resolution 19 - 46 (Allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire a Full-Time employee)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt a Resolution 19 - 47 & 19 – 48 (Appointing P. Earing to Kempton Fire & K. Crowley to Sullivant Fire)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McCall briefly discussed the FY 2018 audit to be voted on in June 2019.

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 – 49 (Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

The Highway Committee will meet at 7:00 A.M. starting at the June 2019 meeting instead of 7:30 A.M.

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Meeting will be scheduled soon to review 2019 – 2020 Insurance Rates.

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

There was a brief discussion on a Resolution Opposing Fire Owners ID Card Act. After discussion it was decided to amend the Resolution replacing the word certified with electronic.

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt the amended Resolution 19 – 50 (Opposing Fire Owners ID Card Act)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

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

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

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA
Thursday in Champaign. Lindgren/Smith
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
Lana Sample stated she's still working on grant applications for FY 2020.

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to re-appoint 2 members, M. Short and L. Cropek to the Public Health Dept. Board. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
Mr. McCall updated the board that there is a teacher shortage and the REO is working to help resolve this issue.
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
Mr. Nuss stated they will meet on June 12, 2019 at 7PM at the Paxton Fire Station.
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
Mr. Ferguson stated the committee met on May 6, 2019 to review a Solar Ordinance from Champaign County.
9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
Met on April 18, 2019 in Bloomington, IL. learned of all the help CIRMA has to offer counties.
10. Extension Johnson/A. Ihrke
Mr. Johnson stated the committee reviewed last year's budget with this year's budget.
11. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird
Mr. Whitebird reminded all County Board Members and Dept. Heads that the NIMS training is due by July 31, 2019. He also stated he will be hosting a training session on June 2, 2019 at 6 P.M. at the Paxton EMA Station. Mr. Whitebird encouraged that rain totals be reported to his office.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. C. Ihrke stated that Mrs. A. Ihrke read a letter at the last County Board Meeting from a Citizen and the citizen still has not heard from the Wind Farm Company. Mrs. C. Ihrke then asked if the State's Attorney would write a formal letter on behalf of the County Board encouraging the Wind Farm Company to respond to the citizens complaint.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. C. Ihrke submitted a sample letter on Motor Fuel Tax to be drawn up and sent to each IL State Representative.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 9:20 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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