

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
August 12, 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, August 12, 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: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Lindgren. Mrs. Smith was not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to remove from the Agenda under Finance a Resolution allowing the Circuit Clerk to hire due to the resolution being tabled at the Finance Committee Meeting and removing a Resolution re-appointing Ronald Bork to the Board of Review. Mrs. C. Ihrke made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 1 citizen spoke to the County Board Members about concerns with the Escrow Account for for one of the Wind Farms Companies and her other concerns with other Wind Farm Companies.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey was not present.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans was asked about the training in her office.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker spoke briefly about the first installment. She reminded everyone the first installment date is August 16, 2019 and the second installment will be due October 28, 2019.

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

Sheriff Doran spoke to the Board about new Illinois State Laws coming into effect.

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. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

The Board took a Voice Vote on the following statement:

As of December 1, 2018 the members of the Ford County Board agree to remove former Chairman of the Board Randy Berger's name from all Ford County Bank accounts and replace his name with the new Ford County Chairman of the Board, Mr. Robert Lindgren. Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept the statement. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

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 – 63 (Allowing the Treasurer to hire a Full-Time employee)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 64 (Setting a new Salary for the Public Defender as of July 1, 2019)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 65 (Sale of a certain Ford County Property due to delinquent taxes)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to amend an Ordinance Establishing a County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax by changing on page 2 – (a) – (ii) to 3%. Then Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt the Ordinance 19 - 66 (Establishing a County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – 9 – Ayes & 2 – Nays (Nays – Nuss & Lindgren)

III. Highway

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 67 (Joint Instructions Pursuant to Escrow Agreement)**. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Roll Call – 8 – Ayes & 3 – Nays (Nays – C. Ihrke, A. Ihrke & Nuss)

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn set the next meeting to be held on August 22, 2019 at 7:00P.M. in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. McQuinn met on August 5, 2019 to review Executive Session Minutes.

VI. Sheriff

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

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 68 (Allowing the Sheriff to donate a vehicle to the Ford County Board)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 69 (Appointing Danielle Borders to the Sheriff's Merit Commission)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. C. Ihrke made a clarification to the July 29, 2019 Zone Minutes stating that on Page 5 – 1. – clarifying the language to be stricken. Mr. McCall 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 August 13, 2019. Doran/Lindgren
- 2. Union Affairs Negotiations will continue on August 20, 2019. McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
- 3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
- 4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
- 5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lana Sample spoke to the board about a Paper Products Drive and updated the board on the renovation. Lindgren
- 6. Regional Office of Education Will meet on August 26, 2019. Lindgren/McCall
- 7. 9-1-1 Will meet on August 14, 2019 in Roberts @ 7:00 P.M. Nuss
- 8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/ Mr. Ferguson stated they met on July 18, 2019 and July 29, 2019 and they are reviewing the changes made to the current Wind Farm Ordinance. The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Sheriff's Boardroom at the Jail.
- 9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
- 10. Extension Johnson/A. Ihrke
- 11. E.M.A./LEPC Mr. Whitebird reminded all County Board Members and Dept. Heads that the NIMS training was due on July 31, 2019 and there are 3 more people that still need to finish their training. Mr. Whitebird will attend more training in September 2019 and the E.M.A. Committee decided to change their meeting schedule to meet quarterly instead of monthly. Lindgren/Terry Whitebird
- 12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:37 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____