

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
July 8, 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, July 8, 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, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Lindgren. Mrs. Smith & Mr. May were not present.

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. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. C. Ihrke to amend the minutes from the County Board meeting held on June 10, 2019 under H. Comments from the floor by adding: There were also comments about the ZBA being short 1 member. Also the existence of a Comprehensive Plan was questioned. Mr. Nuss moved to approve the revised June 10, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk Frederick thanked the County Board for the Lantern sent in memory of her father Elmer L. "Buck" Woodward.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- 2 citizens spoke to the County Board Members about Wind Farms in their area.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey spoke briefly about training and a new cognitive thinking group starting soon.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans briefly went through her report.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker spoke briefly about the tax due dates. She stated the first installment date will be August 16, 2019 and the second installment will be due October 28, 2019. The tax sale will be held on December 4, 2019.

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.

Mrs. Smith moved to approve all Department Head reports. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Lindgren has been attending a lot of meetings.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

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

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Aubry made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 58 (Allowing Clerk & Recorder to remove certain Office Equipment)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 - 59 (Setting new Compensation Rates and Per Diem for Co. Board Members effective Dec. 1, 2022)**. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall briefly discussed the how the FY 2020 Finance Budget Meetings went on June 18 & 19, 2019. Mr. McCall also set 2 more meeting for July 11 & 25, 2019 both at 6:00 PM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

III. Highway

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

The Resolution for an Escrow Agreement was tabled in the Highway Committee.

IV. Insurance & Personnel

V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. McQuinn set a meeting to be held on August 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.

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

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution (Allowing the Sheriff to hire a Full-Time Road Deputy)**. Then Mr. Johnson rescinded the motion due to Sheriff received permission for this position last month.

Mr. Lindgren made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 60 (Allowing the Sheriff to hire a Full-Time Telecommunicator)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. McQuinn 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 start on July 30, 2019. McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
Mr. Ferguson stated they met on June 17, 2019 they reviewed and made some changes to a Solar Ordinance they are working on. The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.
9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
Meeting on July 18, 2019 in Bloomington.
10. Extension Johnson/A. Ihrke
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. Mr. Whitebird spoke about training he attended in Springfield recently and discussed how his booth at the Ford County Fair went. Mr. Whitebird received a compliment about how there is a "Positive Buz" in Ford County from another nearby county.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 61 (Surrendering Certificate 20150059)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 62 (Re-Appointing R. Shapland to the Public Building Commission)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn; Dr. Ray seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 7:56 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____