

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
October 14, 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, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Ford County Board Chairman, Robert Lindgren.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Dr. Bernadette Ray, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Chuck Aubry, Tim Nuss, and Chairman Lindgren. Cindy Ihrke and Jason Johnson were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Lindgren

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Chairman Lindgren moved to amend the Agenda by removing a Resolution to appoint V. Johnson to the Zoning Board of Appeals under II. Finance. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the revised Agenda. Dr. Ray seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Ray moved to approve the September 9, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- A citizen expressed the need for a Veterans Assistants Commission (VAC) in Ford County.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey was not present.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans was asked about a new Child Support system starting in November 2019.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker was not present.

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

Sheriff Doran announced that a shredder truck has been scheduled for October 30, 2019 for County Board and Dept. Heads to shred pre-approved items.

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. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Lindgren updated the board on the East Central Community Action Group. Then Chairman Lindgren made a statement that it has been brought to his attention by State's Attorney Killian, that someone had suggested that Chairman Lindgren and another County Board Member may have a possible conflict of interest in voting on the Wind Farm Ordinance. The Chairman has asked State's Attorney Killian to survey all County Board Members regarding possible conflicts to try to prevent future litigation on this issue.

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 – 100 (Resolution allowing the SOA to raise the GIS Fee in Recording Fees)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 101 (Resolution allowing the Public Health Dept. to hire)**. Dr. Ray seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 102 – 19 - 103 (Allowing the Circuit Clerk & and Clerk & Recorder to destroy certain records)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Smith made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 104 (Allowing the Coroner to hire a Part-Time employee)**. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 105 – 19-107 (Appointments of the following Drainage Commissioners: D. Moody, R. Flessner & J. Ark)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 108** (Increasing the fees for the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 109 (Extending the Lease between Ford County & the Public Bldg. Commission for FY 2020 Levy)**. Mrs. Smith seconded it.
Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Smith made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 110 (Resolution for FY 2020 Levy for the Public Bldg. Commission)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall briefly discussed the FY 2020 Budget and stated the proposed budget is currently in the Clerk & Recorder's Office for public viewing and will be considered at the November 11, 2019 County Board Meeting.

III. Highway

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

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 111 (Preliminary Agreement with Pella Twp.)**. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.
Roll Call – 9 – Ayes, 1 - Nay
(Smith – Nay)

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn stated the Personnel Handbook has been revised and will be discussed in committee soon.

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

Dr. Ray moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. Smith 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
FOP Contract to be considered at Nov. 11, 2019 County Board Meeting.
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
Mr. Lindgren stated everything is going well.
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
Lana Sample spoke to the board that the State has approved her IPLAN.
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
Will meet on Nov. 13, 2019 at the Piper City Fire Station @ 7:00 P.M.
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
Mr. Ferguson stated the next meeting will be held on October 28, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Boardroom and all County Board members are encouraged to attend to discuss the current proposed Wind Farm Ordinance.
9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
The next meeting will be on October 23, 2019 in Bloomington.
10. Extension Johnson/A. Ihrke
11. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird
Mr. Whitebird thanked all County Board Members and Dept. Heads for completing the NIMS training and stated that Ford County will be marked by the State of Illinois as 100% compliant.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. A. Ihrke inquired about a comprehensive plan from the Planning Commission and stated she has received complaints from the northern part of Ford County about EDF.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Lindgren stated the need for 3 new Board of Review Members. Those interested the requirements may include certain classes for real estate and experience in real estate would be helpful also 2 members would need to be appointed from the Republican Party and the 3rd member would not be affiliated with the Republican Party.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn; Dr. Ray seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:38 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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