

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

September 9, 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, September 9, 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, Gene May, Chuck Aubry, Tim Nuss, and Chairman Lindgren. Dr. Ray was seated at 7:05 P.M. Mr. McQuinn, Mrs. Smith, Mr. McCall and Mrs. A. Ihrke were not present.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Lindgren

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

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

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Aubry moved to approve the August 12, 2019 Board Minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Clerk Frederick stated the following: I would like to announce a change in location for the Polling Place of Button Township Voters. The current location at 763 E. Pells St. in Paxton, IL. is no longer available and Button Township has recently built a new township building within the Township of Button. The issue of the need of a new location was on the Agenda that I attended on August 13, 2019 at the monthly Button Township Meeting and a letter was submitted by myself informing the officials of the need. It was discussed by the Button Township Officials that were in attendance. After discussion it was decided to allow Ford County to use the new Button Township building as a Polling Place on Election Days for the Button Township Voters. The new address is 3379 E. 200N. Rd., Paxton, IL. 60957. An ad will be run in the paper, on our website and a letter along with a new Voter's Card will be sent to each of the **active** Button Township Voters. Also, my office will be performing our annual Purge during the month of September 2019. This requirement is for my office to mail a new voter's card to all **active** voters to verify residency. More information on our website at fordcounty.illinois.gov.

- 1 citizen spoke to the County Board Members about a comprehensive plan for Ford County.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Ellen Maxey was not present.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans spoke of a new system in her office to send Jury Notices.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker spoke briefly about collecting the tax payments.

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.

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

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Lindgren updated the board on the East Central Community Action Group.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Due to a lack of a quorum the Finance Bills were only reviewed. Mr. Ferguson moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Mr. May seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 70 through 19 - 73 (Intergovernmental Agreements with Multi Townships 1, 2, 3 & 4)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Dr. Ray made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 74 through 19 - 82 (Appointments of the following Drainage Commissioners: R. Zearth, D. Wahls, S. Hills, G. Niewold, D. Punke, R. Wycoff, J. Niewold, J. Brown & R. Rock)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 83 through 19 - 97 (Sale of certain properties in the following Townships: 1 – Sullivant, 2 – Drummer, 3 – Patton, 1 – Button, 1 – Peach Orchard, 1 – Rogers,)**. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 98 (Appointment of S. Williams for Housing Authority)**. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

III. Highway

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

Mr. Nuss reminded everyone that the next Highway Meeting will be held on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 A.M. in Roberts at the Ford County Highway Building.

IV. Insurance & Personnel

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

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

Mr. Johnson made the motion to **adopt Resolution 19 – 99 (Allowing the Sheriff to hire a Corrections Deputy)**. Dr. Ray seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Aubry moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Nuss 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
Negotiations are still pending.
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
Mr. Lindgren attended a meeting, a lot of good work.
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
Lana Sample spoke to the board about finishing an IPLAN and that her department will take on Adult Protective Services for Iroquois County.
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
Mr. Lindgren met with the new Regional Superintendent at the last meeting.
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
Will meet on Sept. 11, 2019 at the Gibson City Fire Station @ 7:00 P.M.
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
Mr. Ferguson stated they met on August 19, 2019 and August 27, 2019 and they are reviewing the changes made to the current Wind Farm Ordinance. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Small Courtroom in the Courthouse.
9. CIRMA Nuss/McCall
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 was due on July 31, 2019 and there are still a couple more people that still need to finish their training. Mr. Whitebird Stated August was a busy month there was a lot of training to attend. He stated he and Clerk Frederick will continue to attend meetings with the State of IL. until Ford County is accredited and he is working with American Red Cross too.
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. C. Ihrke asked about the appointment of a new Zoning Board of Appeals member. Mr. Lindgren responded the appointment may come through for the October 2019 County Board Meeting.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Killian stated the Supreme Court received an addition \$6.5 million Appropriation and announced they will use that money to refund Probation Salaries at 100% versus the current 62%.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:06 PM Mr. Lindgren 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. May seconded it.

At 8:52 P.M. Dr. Ray made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Ray moved to adjourn; Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 8:53 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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