

RESOLUTION 20 - 30

A RESOLUTION OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO ALLOW OR DISALLOW CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO 55 ILCS 5/1-6006.

WHEREAS, it is prudent for Illinois governmental entities to take preparatory steps given the potential for disruption of normal functions as a result of the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Ford County (the "County") to ensure the prompt payment of legitimate claims against the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/1-6006, the Ford County Board (the "Board") "may by resolution delegate its authority to allow or disallow claims made against the county"; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Finance Committee, the Ford County Sheriff's Committee, and the Ford County Highway Committee (the "Committees") each consider claims made against the County on a monthly basis and make a recommendation to the Board to allow or disallow claim or claims; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the possibility that the current pandemic of COVID-19 could result in the inability of the Board and its Committees to achieve a quorum necessary to allow or disallow claims made against the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Ford County, Illinois, that pursuant to the authority given it by 55 ILCS 5/1-6006, the authority to allow or disallow claims made against the County shall be delegated to the entities set forth below under the circumstances set forth hereunder.

Specifically, should a quorum of the County Board be unable to meet in order allow or disallow claims made against the County, then the authority to do so shall be delegated to the Committees or to the County Treasurer and County Clerk as follows.

A recommendation to the Board to allow or disallow a specific claim or claims against the County by the Finance Committee, the Sheriff's Committee, or the Highway Committee shall act, in the absence of a quorum of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting, if one is scheduled, called to act on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Sheriff's Committee, or the Highway Committee, as authorization for the County Treasurer and County Clerk to allow or disallow the claim or claims pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Sheriff's Committee, or the Highway Committee.

In the absence of a quorum at a meeting of one of the Committees to make a recommendation to the Board to allow or disallow a specific claim or claims against the County, along with the absence of a quorum of the Board to act in a manner to allow or disallow a specific claim or claims against the County, then the County Treasurer and the County Clerk are delegated the authority to determine whether some or all claims against the County should be allowed or disallowed, if sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available in the appropriate County fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk shall prepare and file a monthly report of all claims paid in the prior month to the chairman and all other members of the Board identifying the creditor, the department or county official which purchased the product or service, the fund from which the payment was made, the amount of the payment and the date the check was issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Treasurer and County Clerk shall, in the exercise of their delegated authority hereunder, not be personally liable to any legitimate creditor for disallowing any claim made against the County, and any such claim disallowed shall remain a claim solely against the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegation of authority hereunder shall, if not rescinded or extended by resolution of the Board, expire at 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2020.

Dated: March 18, 2020

Signed: Robert Lindgren
Robert Lindgren
Ford County Board Chairman

Attest: Amy Frederick
Amy Frederick
Ford County Clerk & Recorder

