

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2020

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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 5:00 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, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Robert Lindgren. Mrs. C. Ihrke seated Debbie Smith at 5:05 P.M. who joined the meeting via conference call. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mrs. C. Ihrke made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Ferguson moved approve the February 10, 2020 & March 9, 2020 Board Minutes. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk & Recorder Frederick thanked Mr. Lindgren, Mr. May and Mr. McQuinn for helping election Night, March 17, 2020. She also stated that the election was another successful election.

H. APPROVAL OF DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Dr. Ray made the motion to approve all submitted Dept. Head Reports. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. C. Ihrke seated Debbie Smith at 5:05 P.M. who joined the meeting via conference call. Dr. Ray seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Lindgren gave each County Board Member an opportunity to pull any of the following items that need to be discussed so a roll call vote could be taken on all where a discussion was not needed:

1. Canceling the Special Meeting called for March 23, 2020
2. The designation of Roger Wycoff as “Acting Chairman” of the Ford County Zoning Board of Appeals
3. The approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Finance Committee
4. A Resolution allowing the Supervisor of Assessments and Treasurer to hire Students for the 2020-2021 School Year
5. A Resolution allowing the Treasurer to Hire One or More Part-Time Deputies
6. **Resolution 20 – 22** Allowing the Ford County Public Health Department to hire a Full-Time Senior Service Specialist
7. **Resolution 20 – 23** Allowing the Ford County Public Health Department to Destroy Certain Records

8. A Resolution Defining the End of the Month Bills
9. Authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Copier/Multifunction Machines
10. Authorizing the publishing of an advertisement related to the Copier/Multifunction Machine RFP
11. The approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Highway Committee
12. **Resolution 20 – 24** for Maintenance under the Highway Code
13. **Resolution 20 – 25** The acceptance of a Bid or Bids for the 2020 MFT
14. **Resolution 20 –26** The acceptance of Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation
15. The approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Sheriff's Committee
16. The approval of Committee Meeting Minutes
17. A Resolution Delegating the Authority to Allow or Disallow claims under 55 ILCS 5/1-6006 in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The following topic numbers were pulled by various members for further discussion; #'s 4, 5, 8 & 17. Mrs. A. Ihrke made a motion to accept all of the above topics that were not pulled. Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 -27** Allowing the Supervisor of Assessments and Treasurer to hire Students for the 2020-2021 School Year and **Resolution 20 – 28** allowing the Treasurer to Hire One or More Part-Time Deputies . Mr. Nuss seconded it. After discussion a Roll Call vote was taken. Roll Call – Unanimous

Dr. Ray made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 29** Defining the End of the Month Bills. Mrs. Smith seconded it. After discussion a Roll Call vote was taken. Roll Call – Unanimous

Dr. Ray made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 30** Delegating the Authority to Allow or Disallow claims under 55 ILCS 5/1-6006 in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Mr. Aubry seconded it. After discussion a Roll Call vote was taken. Roll Call – Unanimous

There was a brief discussion on adjusting office hours for certain offices, postponement related to the WECS Ordinance, an update from Lana Sample, head of the Public Health Dept. on COVID-19 and an update from Terry Whitebird EMA Coordinator on preparations related to COVID-19.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

K. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nuss, Chairman of the IT Committee set an IT Meeting for March 23, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Sheriff's Board room at the Jail.

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Aubry seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 6:22 P.M.

L. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____