

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 13, 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 Monday, April 13, 2020 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, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Debbie Smith, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Robert Lindgren.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Lindgren

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mrs. Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk Frederick thanked State's Attorney Killian for organizing and training everyone for the Go-To Meetings. Clerk Frederick gave a BIG thank you to Sheriff Doran, Judge Fitton and State's Attorney Killian for all their efforts keeping the Courthouse employees safer during the COVID-19 outbreak and all the unknown dealings related to the situation.

Also, Clerk Frederick gave a BIG thank you to Lana Sample with the Ford County Health Dept. & her office and EMA Director Terry Whitebird and his office for keeping the employees and the public informed during the COVID-19 outbreak and all the unknown dealings related to the situation.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

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. Approval of Department Head Reports
2. Approval of Committee Minutes
3. Approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Finance Committee
4. Awarding of Copier Bid
5. Approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Highway Committee
6. **Resolution 20 – 31** Awarding Bid for road work in Dix Township
7. **Resolution 20 – 32** Awarding Bid for road work on Pit Road
8. Approval of the payment of claims reviewed by the Sheriff's Committee
9. **Resolution 20 – 33** Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement with the Paxton EMA
10. **Resolution 20 - 34** Approval of Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Melvin
11. Declaration of a State of Emergency

The following items were pulled from the rollcall vote for further discussion:

- 4. Awarding of Copier Bid
- 11. Declaration of a State of Emergency

A Roll Call Vote was taken for the remaining items – Unanimous.

Mr. McCall explained briefly that the Finance Committee reviewed the Copier Bids and due to an ambiguity in the bid specs, the bids received did not meet the needs of the County. The current copier vendor has offered a month to month continuance for 3 months under the current terms due to COVID-19 so the county board may reissue a revised RFP. Mr. Nuss made the motion to reject all submitted copier bids. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren briefly explained the need to declare a State of Emergency. EMA Director Whitebird briefly explained the benefits of declaring also.

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 35** Declaration of a State of Emergency.

Mr. May seconded it. After discussion a roll call was taken.

Roll Call – Unanimous

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Lan Sample with the Ford County Public Health Dept. gave a brief update on the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Illinois State Representative in the 106th Dist., Mr. Tom Bennett was in attendance and thanked everyone for all they're doing at the county level.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Aubry moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:38 P.M.

J. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____