

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

## AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 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, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chuck Aubry, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Robert Lindgren. Mrs. Smith was not present.

### C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

### D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

### E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Aubry made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. McQuinn seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

### F. COMMUNICATIONS:

### 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:

- G.a. 1. Approval of the JULY 13 & JULY 22, 2020 County Board Minutes
2. Approval of Elected Official & Dept. Head Reports
3. Approval of Committee Minutes
4. Approval of the payment of Claims
5. Resolution regarding firing at the Ford Co. Public Health Dept.
6. Resolution appointing a Zoning Officer
7. Allowing the purchase of up to 2 Ubi Duo's
8. Allowing the purchase of up to 5 AED's
9. Allowing Clerk & Recorder to purchase a new lap top to be reimbursed through an Election Grant
10. Allowing the purchase of an Owl Labs camera/microphone for webinar meetings

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

5. Resolution regarding firing at the Ford Co. Public Health Dept. - *pulled*
6. Resolution appointing a Zoning Officer - *pulled*
7. Allowing the purchase of up to 2 Ubi Duo's - *pulled*
8. Allowing the purchase of up to 5 AED's - *pulled*
9. Allowing Clerk & Recorder to purchase a new lap top to be reimbursed through an Election Grant - *pulled*
10. Allowing the purchase of an Owl Labs camera/microphone for webinar meetings - *pulled*

Mr. McCall made the motion to accept all items not pulled for further discussion. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 54** - Allowing the Public Health Dept. to hire without prior approval from the County Board. Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 -55** – Appointing Brandon Magers as the Ford County Zoning Officer. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Johnson made the motion to allow the County Board to purchase 1 Ubi Duo. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 4, Nays – 7

(Nays – Ray, C. Ihrke, McQuinn, Aubry, A. Ihrke, Nuss, McCall)  
**\*\* MOTION FAILED \*\***

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to allow the County Board to purchase up to 5 AED's. Mr. Aubry seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes - 9, Nays - 2  
(Nays – C. Ihrke & A. Ihrke)

Mr. McQuinn made the motion allowing the Clerk & Recorder to purchase a new lap top to be reimbursed by and Election Grant. Mr. McCall seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to allow the purchase of the Owl Lab camera/microphone to be used for webinar meetings. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. After discussion Mr. McCall amended his motion to the following: allow the purchase of up to \$1,500.00 for the Owl Lab camera/microphone to be used for webinar meetings. Mr. Ferguson seconded the revised motion.  
Roll Call on the amendment – Unanimous

Roll Call on allow the purchase of up to \$1,500.00 for the Owl Lab camera/microphone to be used for webinar meetings – Ayes – 10, Nays – 1 (Nay – C. Ihrke)

**G.b. 1.** EMA Coordinator Whitebird briefly updated the County Board on a Mutual Aide Agreement with Hoopeston EMA.

## **H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

- Treasurer Shoemaker was asked to update the board on the tax bills. Clerk & Recorder Frederick shifted files to the Treasurer's office late Thursday, August 6, 2020 and then the Treasurer sent the files to the printers on Friday, August 7, 2020 hoping the bills get mailed in 5 to 7 business days.

## **I. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at 8:26 P.M.

## **J. PROCLAMATION:**

**The next monthly meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_