

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 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:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Chairman Lindgren

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to revise the Agenda to move H. Public Comment after F. Communications and then he approved the Agenda. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk & Recorder Frederick read a Thank you note from the family of Glenn Shell.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- A Sibley resident spoke about concerns with Apex Wind Farm sites.
- Ford Co. Zoning Officer Brandon Magers asked the board a few questions about his responsibilities as Zoning Officer
- Lana Sample with the Public Health Dept. expressed her disappointment in the leadership of the County not following the current Public Health Guidance and thanked those wearing a mask.

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 AUGUST 10, 2020 County Board Minutes
2. Approval of Elected Official & Dept. Head Reports
3. Approval of Committee Minutes
4. Approval of the payment for all Claims
5. Resolution accepting a Low Bid from Toby's Construction for Pella Twp.
6. Mutual Aid Agreement with Hoopston EMA – **Resolution 20 - 57**
7. Resolution re-appt. J. Powers & J. Hastings to the Board of Review – **Resolution 20 - 58**
8. Ordinance for Local Cure Program - *Tabled in Finance Committee*
9. Resolution Amending the Holiday Schedule for 2019 - 2020
10. Resolution setting the salary for the Public Defender
11. Resolution for the FY 2021 Levy Lease amount from the Public Bldg. Commission – **Resolution 20 - 61**
12. Drng. Dist. Appt.'s for: D. Nielwold, J. Stuckey, J. Riebe, R. Bork, L. Cole, S. Meenen, D. Swan, R. Arends, R. Kinzinger, M. Weber (x2) and R. Read – **Resolution 20 - 62 - 73**
13. Office 365 for all offices and employees
14. Approval for a modification to the copier contract with ProvenIt

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

4. Approval of the payment for all Claims – *pulled*
5. Resolution accepting a Low Bid from Toby's Construction for Pella Twp. – *pulled*
8. Ordinance for Local Cure Program – *pulled – Tabled in Finance Committee*
9. Resolution Amending the Holiday Schedule for 2019 – 2020 – *pulled*
10. Resolution setting the salary for the Public Defender – *pulled*
13. Office 365 for all offices and employees – *pulled*
14. Approval for a modification to the copier contract with ProvenIt – *pulled*

Mr. McQuinn added that an updated Personnel Handbook will be distributed to all County Board members and Elected Officials for review before a meeting will be set.

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

Mr. Aubry made the motion to allow payment of all Claims submitted. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 10, Nays – 2 (Nays – C. Ihrke & Smith)

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 56** – Accepting a low bid from Toby's Construction for Pella Twp. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Ferguson made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 -59** – Amending the 2019 – 2020 Holiday Schedule by adding November 3, 2020 (2020 Election Day) as a Holiday. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call - Ayes - 10, Nays - 2 (Nays – C. Ihrke & Nuss)

Mr. Aubry made the motion to accept **Resolution 20 – 60** – Setting a new salary for the Public Defender. Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Dr. Ray made the motion to allow MCS to make the email server to cloud transition. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. After discussion, Mrs. Cindy Ihrke amended the motion adding that the upgrades come from each office's budget with the exception of the Zoning Officer. Roll Call on Amendment by C. Ihrke – Ayes – 10, Nay – 1, Left Meeting – 1 (Nay – Ray, Left Meeting - May) Roll Call on Ray motion – Ayes – 11, Left Meeting – 1 (Left Meeting - May)

Mr. Aubry made the motion to approve an amendment to the copier contract with ProvenIt. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call on Ray motion – Ayes – 11, Left Meeting – 1 - (Left Meeting - May)

G.b. 1. The Personnel Committee would like to recommend that all Elected Officials/Dept. Heads use the same Time Keeping sheet provided by Clerk & Recorder Frederick for non-exempt employees. Mr. McQuinn set an Insurance & Personnel Meeting for September 23, 2020 at 3:00 PM in the Small Courtroom.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to adjourn; Mr. Nuss seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 9:10 P.M.

J. PROCLAMATION:

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____