

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 9, 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. Ray, Cindy Ihrke, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Debbie Smith, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Ann Ihrke, Tim Nuss, Vice Chairman Chase McCall and Chairman Robert Lindgren. Mr. Aubry was seated by Mr. McQuinn at 7:36 P.M. Mrs. C. Ihrke 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. Smith made the motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. A. Ihrke moved to approve the October 12, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Nuss seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Clerk & Recorder Frederick thanked everyone who helped before, during and after the election. This was a record setting election and it takes a team to run an election successfully and she appreciates all who helped.
- Clerk & Recorder Frederick handed out Certificates of Service to Circuit Clerk Kim Evans for 38 years of service and to Chairman Robert Lindgren for 18 years of service and one for Coroner Richard Flessner (who was not present) for his 2 years of service.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Ford County residence expressed concerns for their businesses in regards to the Governor's Mitigation for indoor dining for COVID-19 precautions. Lana Sample with the Ford Co. Public Health Dept. expressed the Public Health Dept.'s procedures and cooperation with the Governor's Mitigation strategies.

I. REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK:

Circuit Clerk Evans briefly went through her monthly report and was thanked again for her service by the board.

J. REPORT OF THE PROBATION OFFICER:

Chief Probation Officer Montoya was not present however Chief Deputy Suzie Shell answered some of the boards questions on her behalf.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Shoemaker was not present.

L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

M. APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

CIRCUIT CLERK, CORONER, CLERK & RECORDER, EMA, HIGHWAY, HOUSING, PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF, SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS, TREASURER & ZONING.

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to accept all submitted Elected Official/Dept. Head Reports.

Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Lindgren stated how he has enjoyed his time serving the county. Mr. Lindgren briefly spoke of how well the Cash Rent Auction went earlier today and of some meetings he had attended this month.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

Mr. May spoke briefly about a Memorandum of Understanding for Electronic Recycling.

II. Finance

Mr. McCall moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Finance Committee.** Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays – 1
(Nays – Smith)

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 78 (Annual Budget & Appropriation for FY 2021).** Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 11, Nays - 1
(Nays – C. Ihrke)

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 79 (Setting the Circuit Clerk’s Salary for FY 2021).** Mrs. Smith seconded it. Roll Call – Ayes – 9, Nays – 2, No Response/tech. difficulties – 1
(Nays – C. Ihrke & A. Ihrke, No Response/tech. difficulties - Ferguson)

Mr. McCall made the motion to amend the salary for the Zoning Officer to \$12,000.00 and then to **adopt Resolution 20 – 80 (Setting the Salary for Certain Dept. Heads & Hourly Employees for FY 2021).** Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Roll Call – Ayes – 9, Nays - 3
(Nays – C. Ihrke, Smith, Nuss)

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 81 (Setting the Probation Officer’s Salaries for FY 2021).** Mr. Aubry seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 82 (Lease & Contract for Extension Agreement to Lease the Courthouse, Jail & Public Health Dept. buildings for FY 2021).** Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 83 (Setting FY 2021 Holiday Schedule).** Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. A. Ihrke made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 84 (Setting FY 2021 County Board Meeting Schedule).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. McCall made the motion to **adopt 3 Resolutions 20 – 85 to 20 - 87 (Selling certain Ford County Properties for delinquent taxes).** Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Smith made the motion to allow Deputy Debra Slade to receive payment for 21.3 hours of her earned comp-time hours. Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

III. Highway

Mr. Nuss moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Highway Committee.** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Nuss made the motion to **adopt Resolution 20 – 88 (For Engineering Rates for Various Ford County Road Dist.).** Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

IV. Insurance & Personnel

Mr. McQuinn made the motion to allow Kamalan Johnson Anderson to obtain the Ford County Health Insurance effective on December 1, 2020 subject to payment to Ford County. Mrs. A. Ihrke seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

V. Overview/Legislation

Mr. McQuinn set a meeting for November 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

VI. Sheriff

Mr. Johnson moved to **approve all claims reviewed in the Sheriff's Committee.** Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. C. Ihrke moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS: (*) = Chairman of that Committee)

1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
2. Union Affairs McQuinn/Lindgren/McCall
3. 708 Board Dr. Ray
4. WIA Lindgren/Smith
5. Ford Public Health Dept. Lindgren
State's Attorney Killian read a statement from Lana Sample with the Health Dept. that her office is currently dealing with over 60 new cases in the last week and currently 30 close contacts. Mrs. Sample continues to encourage everyone to practice safe distancing, masking and practice good hygiene.
6. Regional Office of Education Lindgren/McCall
7. 9-1-1 Nuss
8. Zoning *Ferguson/May/McQuinn/
9. CIRMA McCall/Smith
Mr. McCall stated the county had received their renewal packet.
10. Extension *Johnson/A. Ihrke
Mr. Johnson stated there will be a virtual meeting held on Nov. 23, 2020 at 7 P.M.
11. E.M.A./LEPC Lindgren/Terry Whitebird
12. Information Technology Nuss/Ray/Aubry
Mr. Nuss stated Office 365 will be installed soon.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

The board briefly discussed the Solid Waste & Nuisance Ordinance and also the Personnel Handbook progress.

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nuss would like to see a mitigation process to help protect the community from shutting down and there was a brief discussion on possibly hiring more part-time dog catchers for the county.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McQuinn moved to adjourn; Mrs. C. Ihrke seconded the motion.
The meeting ended at 9:05 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Frederick, County Clerk

Approved _____

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