FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
July 14, 2014

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, July 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

B. ROLL CALL:
The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss ,Elynor Stagen and Chairman Bowen.

C. PROCLAMATION: Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION: Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA;
Mr. Berger moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Mr. Otto moved that the June 9, & June 27, 2014, board minutes be approved. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.
Voice vote - carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:
Mr. Guarino is still planning a show consisting of several bands, comedians, etc. for August 9. He has changed the place to the Melvin Fair grounds, if he can get permission to do so. All of the proceeds would go to start a Veterans Assistance Commission. He asked for any assistance that the county would be willing to provide.

I. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
Mr. Otto moved to accept the monthly and annual reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff , Zoning and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Johnson seconded it.
Voice Vote – Carried

J. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:
Cassy Taylor presented her report. There were 24 new adult cases filed. There are 5 adults in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There were 10 PTR'S filed and 1 PSI ordered. There are 6 adults placed in residential or group home. The "Thinking for Change Classes" which began in January were completed on July 9, with 8 probation clients completing it. Cassy attended the CMO Symposium with AOIC, Chief Justice Rita Garman. Cassy will be advertising for a replacement for Kasi Schwarz's position.

K. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:
Mrs. Evans explained about the new combined accounts. Child support is going up. She and States Attorney Yedinak have started the back collection process. Yedinak said that they should be getting a check for $142,000.

L. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of $518,808 as of June 30, 2014.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mrs. Haskins seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

M. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Bowen informed the Board that he had met with Ryan from the K-4 wind farms in June. Construction in Ford County should start next year. He also has been having e-mails from Mike Short in regard to the Public Health Department.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Environment**

2. **Finance**

   Mrs. Stagen moved **to approve payment of the General Fund bills.** Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

   The Department heads will be meeting with the Finance Committee on July 21 and 22.

3. **Highway**

   Mr. Otto moved **to approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

   Mr. Otto moved to **approve the Professional Agreements with HLR for Button, Mona & Cabery.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Roll Call – Unanimous

   Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 14-34 (Authorizing execution of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement.** Mr. Berger seconded it. Roll Call - Unanimous

4. **Insurance/Personnel**

5. **Overview/Legislation**.

   The land that Rick Masterson would like to purchase is still under negotiation.

6. **Sheriff**

   Mrs. Haskins moved **to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills**. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion. Roll Call – Unanimous

   The Sheriff explained the upgrading needed on the grounding of the tower. This should help the problem with lightning strikes in the courthouse.

7. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

   Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Berger seconded the motion.

   Voice Vote - Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mobile Region 8 — Doran/Lindgren
   Meeting was held last Tuesday in regard to personnel.
2. Union Affairs — Haskins/Bowen/Stagen
3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority — Stagen/Berger
4. 708 Board — Mr. Berger
5. WIA — Bowen/Hastings
6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health — Mrs. Stagen
   Mrs. Stagen did not attend the meeting.
7. Regional Office of Education — Bowen/Stagen
8. ECIEDD — Mr. Ferguson
9. 9-1-1 — Mr. Johnson
   Will meet on Wednesday
10. Zoning — Mr. Johnson
11. CIRMA — Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn
    Mr. Nuss said that there are 3 more counties interested in joining.
12. Extension — Johnson/Hastings
13. E.M.A. — Mr. Higgins

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson **moved to authorize the chairman to make a formal request to the Public Building Commission in regard to purchasing and taking over the Public Health Department.** Mrs. Haskins seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 14-35 (appointment, oath and bond for William E. Malone as Trustee of Kempton Fire Protection District.** Mr. Berger seconded it.
Voice Vote - Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION — Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be <u>Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals
County Clerk

Approved: _____