

FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

May 9, 2016

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, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Jason Johnson, Jon Clark, Randy Ferguson, Floyd Otto, Gene May, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Tim Nuss, Mr. Hastings, Mrs. Stagen and Chairman Berger.

C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Berger made a motion to move the Resolution for Coroner's Salary after Executive Session.

Mr. Ferguson moved to approve the amended board agenda. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

State Representative Tom Bennett spoke to the County Board Members and answered some questions about the State Budget.

I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Ellen Maxey, Chief Interim Probation Officer, reported that 16 new adult cases and no new juvenile case have been filed. There were 16 petitions to revoke filed and 4 pre-sentence report ordered; four PSI's were completed. There were 6 adults and 0 juveniles in Residential Alcohol/Drug Treatment and 1 adult in sober living. There were 0 adults placed in residential or group homes. In April Ellen Maxey was a presenter at the annual GCMS 8th grade end of the year program; the dangers of drugs and alcohol was the topic. Students were encouraged to ask questions and there was a good discussion. Rocky Marron attended the Illinois Probation and Court Services association Spring Conference in Utica, IL the last week in April. There were key note speakers, including a Major General Peggy Combs of the U.S. Army and Tim Ryan a former heroin addict who has started his own non-profit and now helps other addicts as well as two days of break-out classes covering topics useful to our daily work.

J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Evans reported that a new server has been installed and will be shared with other offices.

K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens reported that the tax bills will be mailed May 18, 2016.

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

County Clerk Kellerhals, who will be retiring on June 3, 2016, thanked the County Board, her Courthouse family, Election Judges, her staff and her family for their support throughout her 17 ½ years.

Sheriff Doran expressed concerns with Resolution on Firing Employees. After discussion it was decided that the Personnel Committee would review some of the issues.

M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to approve all department head reports. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Mr. Berger stated they have enough member for the LEPC committee. Mr. Berger said there are concerns in regard to the Escrow Agreement with Kelly Creek Wind LLC. Greg Perkinson, the Ford County Engineer, felt that the Agreement was ok. Ford County Zoning Officer Matt Rock reported that the permits were ready to be issued. Questions were raised in regard to page 14. It was decided to have the Ford County State's Attorney, Randy Yedinak review the Agreement for further approval. Mr. Berger will sign the Agreement upon the approval of Mr. Yedinak.

O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Environment

II. Finance

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills**. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve the Auditor Agreement dated for 2015 & 2016 with the Kemper CPA Group. Mr. Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Approval of the Extension Levy was tabled until the June 13, 2016 County Board meeting for further review. Mrs. Stagen made the motion to table the Approval. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

III. Highway

Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 16-27 (establishing a Class II or Class III designated truck route)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 16-28 (for Matching Tax Appropriating for Loda Lake Road)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 16-29 (for Matching Tax Appropriating for Elliott Road Bridge replacement)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 16-30 (for County Motor Fuel Tax Appropriating for Lehigh Road CH5 Resurfacing)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to **adopt Resolution 16-31 (for Prevailing Wage)**. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

IV. Insurance/Personnel

The Committee met and will interview qualified applicants for the Supervisor of Assessments position soon.

V. Overview/Legislation

VI. Sheriff

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

Sheriff reported to the Board that the Tower is in working order and a Halo will be installed soon to prevent future lightning strikes.

VII. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:

Mr. McCall moved to approve all Committee Minutes. Mr. Otto seconded the motion. Voice Vote – Carried

P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. Mobile Region 8 Doran/Lindgren
 Money from the State is being released to the Committee for more instructed programs.
- 2. Union Affairs Lindgren/ Mc/Quinn
- 3. EIEDD Ferguson
- 4. 708 Board Berger
- 5. WIA Stagen
 They have received \$500, 000 primarily for special need programs.
- 6. Ford Public Health Dept. Berger
 Lana Sample reported that they received more money from the State and thinks they have enough money to get through the end of the year.
- 7. Regional Office of Education Berger/Stagen
 Mr. Berger reported they have discussed grants coming and that the Rantoul Regional Office of Education will need to be re-located soon.
- 8. 9-1-1 Johnson
 Meeting Wednesday at 7:00 in Roberts
- 9. Zoning Johnson
- 10. CIRMA Nuss
 They now have 21 Counties insured with CIRMA. There will be a meeting July 21, 2016 in Bloomington.
- 11. Extension Hastings/Johnson
 Has not received money from the State. Ginger will come to the June County Board meeting to discuss the Extension with the Board.
- 12. E.M.A.
- 13. Information Technology Nuss
 Mr. Nuss is working with the Counties IT provider to build a stronger Fire Wall protection. He also mentioned the County may want to look into Cyber insurance.

Q. OLD BUSINESS:

R. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt Resolution 16-32 (to re-appoint William Berry as Trustee to the Piper City Fire District and his Oath). Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Otto moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/120/2(c)(1) in regard to personnel issues. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice vote – carried

Went into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M.

Went out of Executive Session at 8:48 P.M.

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 16-33 (to approve the Salary for the Coroner 2016 – 2020)**. Mr. McCall seconded it.

T. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. May seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:50 P.M.

U. PROCLAMATION

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals, County Clerk

Approved 6/13/16